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## THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

*[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]*

### Welcome Home.

The King is back—long live the King! Hereditary President of the British Republic—long live the King! Symbol of our Empire, Magnet of our Patriotism, Arbiter and Referee in all our internal rivalries—long live the King! Accredited Ambassador to every Court, Peacemaker and Human Link between us and all the nations—long live the King! And now, readers of John Bull, all together:

**God Save the King!**

### "Misfeasance."

Many readers write asking us for our exact definition of "misfeasance," as applied to such a matter as the numbering of shares. We refer them to our Open Letter to Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady—from which they will learn all about it. We are absolutely unrepentant.

### By George!

We are not much concerned with the Party duel between Lloyd George and Bonar Law, but there are one or two things about the Chancellor's speech in the City which fascinate us. First, he lapsed into a racing simile to illustrate the unimportance of bye-elections, although he soon got back to his 'osses—or, rather, got away from them—and talked of "Peace on Earth," etc. and, secondly, he rebuked Mr. Law for using strong language. Splendid! And his audience revelled in it. And, of course, there was no split in the Cabinet, and there is to be no election for several years. But he said nothing as to the rumour—of which we know he must have heard—that he was shortly stepping into Mr. Asquith's shoes.

### The New P.M.

As a matter of fact he is busy with the rearrangement of the Cabinet in view of his impending appointment as Prime Minister. Two of the new Ministers will be Mr. Ellis Griffith and Sir Henry Dalziel. Sir Thomas Whittaker could also have a post, but he prefers the lucrative chairmanship of a "Temperance" Insurance Office!

### Carson's Contumely.

So we are to have some more Irish "scenes" in Parliament. But this time it is the Unionists who are to be suspended. We shall not be surprised to see the whole Opposition "named" before the Home Rule debate is finished. It is determined to force an election on the Bill—*and in that it will succeed.*

### Slicing up the Empire.

There is general accord in both the Liberal and Conservative Press over the suggested present to Germany of a slice out of our African possessions. This Empire "sharing out" began in 1900 by Lord Salisbury granting Heligoland to Germany, thus giving her an outlet for her Navy, and depriving us of the power to bottle it up. All we got in return was a worthless concession in Zanzibar. Germany has now a strongly fortified naval base. What can Germany think, when she finds us so willing to bribe her?

### Will Mr. Pirie, M.P., Explain?

Some time ago we took this Scotch M.P. to task for posing as a Temperance faddist whilst all the time owning a brand of champagne. His explanation was that he couldn't help it—the vineyard had been bequeathed to him—and, being a Scot, of course he couldn't refuse it, or give it away, or sell his interest in it and hand the proceeds to the poor. Now we have come across the following entry in the Annual Summary of the Capital of Haig and Haig, the Scotch whisky distillers—good luck to them!

> Folio in Register Ledger, 64. Pirie, M.P., Duncan V., care of Davidson and Garden, 12, Dee Street, Aberdeen; 500 Preference shares of £1 each.

Were these also "bequeathed" to our hon. friend?

### At It Again.

Our cartoon last week illustrated the consistent dishonestly with which the Party Press—which thrives on the Party spirit—distorted its description of Mr. Bonar Law's Albert Hall speeech. A few days later came the result of the East Edinburgh election. And here are a few of the newspaper headings: *Morning Leader*—"Liberal returned by close on 1,000 majority" (that was *its* way of saying that the Liberal majority had been more than halved—in fact, cut into three); *Daily Express*—"Radical majority reduced by 1,729" (that was *its* way of saying that the Tory candidate had been defeated); *Daily Mail*—"Another blow to the Insurance Act" (that was *its* way of getting one in against Lloyd George); whilst the *Daily Chronicle* simply gave the result, without any sub-heading. Then we have the *Telegraph* telling us that the result "furnishes another proof of the declining popularity of the Government," and both the *Chronicle* and the *Leader*, in identical language, explaining it on the ground of "the reduced poll." *What* a game it is!

### —And Again.

And now take another illustration. When Sir Edward Carson was declaring that in no circumstances should Mr. Churchill hold a meeting in Ulster Hall, the whole Liberal Press—and perhaps rightly—were denouncing him for his violation of the principle of free speech, and were saying that if riot and bloodshed should result the responsibility would rest upon him. Now that matters have been adjusted and the meeting is to be held in the Nationalist quarter, and Sir Edward is counselling his friends not to disturb it, we have the *Chronicle* egging him on, taunting him with "climbing down," and laughing at his appeal for an orderly reception of Mr. Churchill as a device to "cover his retreat." *What* a game it is!

### A Nasty Hit.

In the course of the recent Edinburgh by-election the Liberal candidate assured the electors that the benefits of the Insurance Act were as secure as Consols. We have never said anything about the Act so unkind as that.

### Marching On.

Speaking of the East Edinburgh election, we note, with satisfaction, that Mr. Jameson, who knocked off two-thirds of the Government majority, appealed to the electors "not to vote for any mere Party creed or colour. They wanted to smash the Party system as it was at present." And, by jingo! they nearly did it! If only amateur "associations" would leave the John Bull League alone, victory would soon be ours.

### Thanks.

From the *Globe*: "We think it a healthy sign that independent men should still come forward; it is the one chance for the future House of Commons of retaining the popular respect which it is so rapidly forfeiting." And here is the *Daily Mail* pointing out what Mr. Lloyd George would have done "had he been a Business man." And the *Daily Chronicle* basing its arguments for Home Rule on "Business." All of which signs and portents are good business for the Business Government.

### The Other "H. B."

We are very proud in many ways of Mr. Hilaire Belloc, with whom we often worked in hearty accord whilst he was in the House. But he rather spoils his case by overstatement. To describe the Commons as "the dirtiest and oiliest society in which he had ever sat" is more suggestive of the orator of the Coger's Hall than of a distinguished and brilliant scholar. Come, come, Hilaire, you must be more temperate in your language—less Hilareous, in short!

### What We have Not Noticed.

After all, perhaps it is as well that "some power" should not "the giftie gie us to see oursels as others see us." Think of what some of the Yankee newspapers to hand have seen in the Duke of Connaught. "He walks with a swinging stride," says the *New York World*. "He is thick through the legs and thin about the waist and legs. The tight trousers he wore accentuated his tapering calves." Funny thing so few of us in London have noticed this, although we should not, possibly, have mentioned it in print if we had. When the next British royalty arrives in Yankeeland, will its descriptive Press be good enough to leave his legs to the public imagination?

### "Sir Henniker."

Mr. Henniker Heaton, who did the nation the practical business service of agitating for Imperial Penny Postage until he got it, and who has otherwise done more for postal reform than any Postmaster-General of his time, has at last taken from a Liberal Government what his own Party ought to have offered him years ago. He becomes a baronet—though if he were a Liberal he would doubtless have got a "post." And he is the right "stamp" of man for one, too.

### A Boom in Brilliance.

According to rumour, Mr. J. L. Garvin is going to set London on fire by his editorship of the *Pall Mall Gazette*. As befits a humble brother, we wish him luck. In the meantime, we note Mr. Garvin's assurance, in his first number, that Mr. Asquith is the foremost advocate of a Suffragist referendum. He is also the foremost advocate of Tariff Reform as a cure for gout. If our renowned *confrère* would know the secrets of the Cabinet, he must carefully read his John Bull.

### Gladstone League Secretary.

The *Daily News* being the originator of the Gladstone League through public subscriptions, may we again ask the editor why he did not publish a report of the police-court proceedings at Saffron Walden against Mr. John Hughes, general secretary of that organisation? On two occasions Mr. Hughes has been brought before the magistrates, and on both occasions no report of the proceedings has appeared in the columns of our good contemporary. The secretary has been committed for trial. The *Daily News* has had a great deal to say from time to time about the decencies and moralities of journalism. The suppression of news, however, is an offence which neither the decencies nor the moralities of journalism have ever tolerated. After this exhibition, perhaps the *Daily News* will save its sermons to cool its cocoa.

### The Only Way.

The Labour Party—whoever and whatever they may be—are contemplating starting a daily paper. We have heard of that paper before—and it is doomed to failure. It would soon be under the control of the "temperance" tub thumpers and lay preachers who call themselves Labour leaders—whereas the only way to make such an enterprise successful would be to secure "Captain Coe" or "Old Joe"—both of whom look like being out of work—and give them a free hand.

### A Newspaper War.

Which reminds us that the *Star* and the *Morning Leader* are to be completely Cadburyised in March—when a fierce war is to be waged with the *Daily Mail* and *Evening News*. All the best positions on the hoardings (except ours) are already booked for a great poster campaign, and other special "publicity" schemes are being matured. We shall have *our* money on Lord Northcliffe—even though Captain Coe be succeeded by Captain Cocoa!

### A TEST FROM BELFAST.

Latest news from the front is that the Orangemen have arranged, for the same day as Mr. Churchill's meeting on the Celtic Park Football Ground, a counter demonstration on the Agricultural Show Ground. As non-partisans, anxious to study the Home Rule question impartially, we think the Orangemen are adopting a course calculated to injure their case much more than a hundred Churchillian speeches could do. They should remember that, rightly or wrongly, it is the contention of the Nationalists that nearly all the intolerance and bigotry are on the side of the Ulster Orangemen; and Sir Edward Carson, we are sure, is 'cute enough to appreciate the tactical disadvantage of giving colour to this view. Our counsel to Ulster is, Hear the other side—even if there isn't one! That is sound Irish logic.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

The gentleman who runs the Shiburn Estate Office, Wallingford, does not want much for his money, as will be seen from the following advertisement:—

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With studious moderation, the advertiser refrains from stipulating a knowledge of Greek, Zoology, and Calisthenics.

### DUMPLINGS IN THE BOX.

Whatever the merit of the jury system is on the whole, there certainly are occasions when juries seem to be utterly bereft of reason and responsibility. For instance, the one which tried the man Reeves at Norwich Assizes for murdering his infant son was apparently as cracked as the prisoner. Not only from the evidence of the medical officer, but by his whole conduct in Court, it is clear that Reeves is insane. Not only did he plead guilty to the murder, refuse to have counsel to defend him, and denounce the prison doctor for saying he was not in a fit state to plead, but he actually called a doctor to testify to his sanity—in order that he might be hanged! On the whole, we should say that never has a more astounding collection of Norfolk dumplings been assembled in one jury-box. They decided that the man should be hanged on his own plea—with the result, of course, that the Home Secretary will take the view of the judge, the medical officer of the prison, and all other sane people, that the man is as mad as a hatter, and confine him "during his Majesty's pleasure." When the British ass does by chance get into a jury-box, he certainly makes the most of his opportunity.

### THE NAUGHTY BOY SCOUTS.

There has been a municipal bye-election in the Isle of Ely, the two candidates being Mr. F. W. Bradley (Liberal) and Mr. K. de H. Ollard (Conservative). The latter, to use a sporting phrase, "romped home in a canter." After the declaration of the poll one of the reasons given for Mr. Bradley's defeat by the President of the Liberal Council was that Mr. Ollard's brother "took such great interest in the Boy Scouts"!

### THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE.

One of our most interesting disciples is Mr. C. J. Stewart, the Public Trustee, who attributes the success of his department—of which we are delighted to hear—to the fact that "its policy all through has been one based on purely business lines." We shall have to alter our will after all, and leave Mr. Stewart the whole of our—liabilities—to deal with.

### NAME, PLEASE.

Who is the West London Councillor who, while samples of his goods were being considered by the Public Health Committee with a view to a prosecution, was present and took part in the discussion, and who endeavoured to obtain from the analyst the analytical result of the samples? Is it true that no prosecution was instituted, and that it is now too late to take proceedings? The facts should be brought to light without fear or favour, through an official report.

### HUMANITY AND THE WORM.

Evidently some of us have insufficiently considered the term "captive animal" in connection with the new Cruelty to Animals Act, for it is now discovered that, for purposes of the Act, a captive animal "means any animal (not being a domestic animal) of whatsoever kind or species, and whether a quadruped or not, including any bird, fish, or reptile." The parties variously affected are naturally considering it in different ways. While on the one hand we hear of a forthcoming demonstration in Trafalgar Square of worms, flies, minnows, shrimps, maggots, and other bait to thank the Government for this protection against cruelty hitherto practised upon them by anglers, we understand the London and provincial angling societies are preparing to march in their thousands to Hyde Park to denounce a measure which must utterly destroy a sport which has probably existed from the dawn of human prevarication. And as we know that the Government will stand firm—as it always does—anglers will have to elucidate the possibilities of new baits.

### A WAIL FROM INVERNESS.

A son of Inverness thinks it is "a sad state of affairs, seeing there is so much poverty in our midst," that in a recent week as much as £275 was spent by the Inverness public in theatrical and other entertainments. But what is the population of Inverness? Some 25,000 people, no doubt. Looking at the entertainment figure from an English point of view, we should not think that sum excessive. People *will* have their enjoyment—even the Scotch. How much of the £275 the Inverness folk would have given in relief of distress in their midst (to say nothing of the labour their pleasure employed) if they had foregone their entertainment, is a calculation in problematic arithmetic from which we request to be excused. Peradventure some other son of Inverness will work it out for us. To give him a start, we may remind him that the total sum spent on ungodly enjoyment during the week works out at about twopence-three-farthings a nob.

### "NO BUSINESS."

According to the Registrar of the West Hartlepool County Court, a man with an old age pension has no business to get into debt. Quite so. He ought to live strictly within his means, like a person in receipt of an official salary of about a thousand a year.

### FLOWERS AND FIREWORKS.

Our attention has been directed to the horticultural expert on the *Morning Post*. On January 13th he advised "E. T." to cure roses of mildew with a solution of one ounce of potassium *dissolved* in two pints of hot water. A week later appeared the paragraph: "Last week I advised potassium dissolved in hot water for your roses. Information has been received that this is dangerous, so you had better not use it. It is very explosive." It is to be hoped that the unfortunate rose-grower had not already tried the experiment—for, as every schoolboy knows, potassium is a *metal*, which is such a glutton for oxygen that when thrown on water it bursts into violet flame.

### Wanted, 1,000 Fools.

As there are an incredible number of fools in these islands, certainly more than when Carlyle counted them, it may be that the enterprising young gentleman who has been appealing in *The Times* for "1,000 generous people for 1,000 guineas to build a powerful automobile to enable him to earn a livelihood," will get the money. At present he is acting as private secretary to the Rev. J. H. Boudier, vicar of St. Michael's, Islington. He contemplates taking lessons in chauffeuring, and then hiring out the car at three guineas an evening, painting it vermilion, and naming it the "Scarlet Runner." Having a sneaking regard for superlative cheek, we should rather like to see it run.

### What, No One?

Mr. A. G. R. Mackenzie told the members of the Architectural Association the other day that nobody now sleeps with his window shut. Evidently Mr. Mackenzie never takes a walk through Harley Street, or in the country.

### A Nottingham Lunacy Case.

The well-known fact that lunatic asylums are crowded with sane people is to some extent illustrated by a case mentioned by Mr. R. M. Knowles at the last meeting of the Nottinghamshire County Council. A man was sent to the Nottingham County Asylum on the simple certificate that he was deaf and dumb, and the reasons for detention were so glaringly deficient that "when the report was sent to the Lunacy Commissioners they ordered his release." As a rule, it is easier to get into a lunatic asylum than it is to get out. This deaf and dumb man was fortunate.

### Boys will be Boys.

Three boys having been prosecuted and discharged with a caution at Tottenham for "throwing missiles to the public danger," a correspondent thinks the public who were alleged to be endangered may like to know that the missiles consisted of three-ha'p'orth of fried fish and potatoes. Far be it from us to increase the winter festivities of Belfast, but we recommend those boys to buy another three-ha'p'orth and telegraph at once to General Carson that they await his orders.

### Bunkum at Beccles.

Notwithstanding that he was able to produce testimonials of character and reputation from two Superintendents of Police *and* a clergyman in other towns in which he had carried on business, the Beccles magistrates have refused a man a full transfer of licence on the mere allegation of the local police that on one occasion they heard him and his wife quarrelling. The applicant and his spouse denied the allegation, but, in any case, to refuse a transfer on such a ground is surely straining the law to the uttermost limits of absurdity. One wonders what a Beccles policeman would say to the proposition that, because somebody says he has had a few words with his wife, he is unfit to be a member of the police force. As to the clergyman's testimonial, we have no doubt that it would have been quite sufficient to have secured the acquittal on almost any charge of any "earnest church worker" brought before the Bench.

### A Sly Dig.

In the child play at the Pavilion Theatre in Newcastle-on-Tyne, one of the characters is depicted as reading a book of fairy tales. But the other night, says a local correspondent, what she really had in her hand was a copy of John Bull. We understand that the little girl in question is exceptionally bright, and we predict a big future for her.

### A Deal Deal.

In April, 1910, a Deal tradesman was hurriedly summoned by the local Education Authorities to tinker up the works of two typewriters which were required at an examination. For this he made the apparently not over-exorbitant charge of 2s., which was duly settled by the Kent Education Committee's local secretary. However, after a year and nine months, the Committee's accountant, writing from Caxton House, Westminster, has sent to the tradesman a letter in which he says: "From the account it would appear that you have been overpaid to the extent of 6d. The Local Government Auditor having called attention to this, I have to ask you to kindly let me have the amount of the over-payment at your earliest convenience." It is, of course, the duty of an auditor to make sure that everything is correct, but it is difficult to see how he is able to assess the value of work done and time taken nearly two years ago upon the little job referred to, and, in any event, surely he must be aware that much more will be wasted in collection than the 6d. in question. It is not as though it were a case in which some great principle were involved—unless, indeed, it be the great principle of Red Tape!

### The Wicked Sea Captain.

During the recent stormy weather, it is said, a steamer got into difficulties near Sheringham, and a number of fishermen put off in a boat to render assistance. Their proffered services, however, were abruptly refused by the captain, who told them to "Go home to bed, sleep well, go to church, and pray for those in peril on the sea." It is only natural that the fishermen of Sheringham feel indignant. One of their number, in reporting the case to us, asks what we think of this "sea dog." Before expressing our opinion we should like to hear the captain's account of the incident. A friend of ours, who owns a yacht, always keeps loaded revolvers on board to shoot down fishermen and lifeboatmen who "come to his assistance" without being requisitioned. He tells us, also, a lot about the law governing salvage—but that's another matter.

### The National Lifeboat Institution Again!

Talking about lifeboats, what have the Institution to say to this? They have a motor boat stationed at North Shields for the benefit of mariners entering or leaving the Tyne, but its control is, to say the least, unsatisfactory. It seems that "the captain and the coxswain live at Cullercoats, whilst there is no regular crew, as is the case at most lifeboat stations. In stormy weather the coxswain is always handy, but what might happen if the boat were required in the case of a collision or unexpected casualty can only be imagined." A few days ago four soldiers and two boatmen unmoored the motor boat with the object of going to the assistance of a steamer in distress. They got her away, but "something went wrong with the works," and on her return the scratch crew had to row. Perhaps the Institution authorities can explain to us the use of a motor boat without a crew which knows how to manage it.

### Lord Beaconsfield on Party.

"They (the Chartists) had long since ceased to distinguish between the two parties who then and now contend for power, and they were right. Between the noble lord who goes out and the right honourable gentleman who comes in, where is the distinctive principle? A shadowy difference may be simulated in opposition, to serve a cry and stimulate the hustings, but the mask is not even worn in Downing Street."—("Sybil," Chap. XV.)

"How to Fight Germany."

Many letters and articles have reached us criticising our contributor's scheme for National Defence. In the main they are favourable. One feature, however, of many of the criticisms is the number of ex-regular non-commissioned officers, now serving in the Territorials, who offer their views, but in every case stipulate that we "must not publish any name, as Territorials are not allowed to write to the Press." Territorials may not write to the Press, forsooth! We venture to hint to them that there are certain Regulations which are made to be broken. One of De Wet's rough-and-ready soldiers, by the way, writes that our contributor's scheme would bring about such an Army as the late South African Republic had. Then let it come!

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Soldiers in Civil Employ.

Will the Secretary for War inform us why soldiers, who, of course, receive their regular pay from the Army Estimates, are employed on Post Office work in Ireland, and receive supplementary pay from a civil department? We stopped this sort of thing in England some years ago.

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Quite Right.

The Bishop of Birmingham, is quite right. He says one may become a bishop without having any special gifts, just as one may become a judge without knowing much about law. In both cases push and Party may do the trick.

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"A Far Bigger Thing."

"To be a politician is a far bigger thing than to be a good painter," says Mr. Austin Harrison. But sometimes a politician is merely a whitewasher.

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**HARD TO SWALLOW.**

The Medical Profession and Lloyd George's Pill.

# "John Bull's" Biscuits.

["*Taking the Biscuit*" *has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical reward or recognition. In this column we present, in all good humour, the token to such of our contemporaries and others as may have distinguished themselves by some unconventional utterance or act.*]

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*For ending his advertisement in the "Chronicle" (Croydon) with the line,* "Invest a Lucky Sixpence,"

MR. J. B. SHAKESPEARE
(Undertaker, 67, George Street, Croydon)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating, in its report of the King's welcome at Malta, that their Majesties entered the Royal barge, "the Royal Standard was hoisted in her, and she was pulled rapidly ashore between two rows of naval* BOATS. *Their Majesties* SHOOK HANDS WITH THEM,"

*THE NORTH MAIL* (Newcastle-on-Tyne)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating, in its report of a charge of cruelty to a fowl, that: "The evidence showed that the bird got over a six feet* WIDE *fencing into defendant's garden, and he picked it up by its* HIND LEGS,"

*THE MORNING LEADER*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For publishing a story containing the following dialogue:* "'Married?' 'Yes, *but* MY WIFE DOESN'T KNOW. *I haven't the heart to tell her,'*"

*FUN AND FICTION*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating of a certain gentleman that: "His* WIDOW *predeceased him some years ago,"*

*THE THREE SHIRES ADVERTISER* (Gillingham)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating that: "It is customary for Americans to assert that the American girl is the highest type of* FELININITY,"

*THE NORTHERN DAILY MAIL* (West Hartlepool)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating, in a handbill announcing certain plays, that they "will be produced by some of the leading members of the* Actress's Franchise League, *and the* LATTER *is acknowledged to be one of the finest* FARCES *ever produced,"*

THE WALTHAMSTOW WOMEN'S SOCIAL AND POLITICAL UNION
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For publishing a leading article containing the following mixed metaphor: "If Mr. Law persists in ranking among his literary* PEARLS *the* BRICKBATS *which the humblest of political hodmen have dropped, he will not* INTOXICATE *even the least fastidious of partisans,"*

*THE DAILY NEWS*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating, in an advertisement in the "Pall Mall Gazette," as one of the attractions of their hotel,* "Expensive *terms,"*

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE GRAND HOTEL, BRIGHTON,
TAKE THE BISCUIT.

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*For stating that: "So deep have been the floods in the* Thames Valley *this week that only the tops of the goal posts were visible on some of the playing-fields near* Nottingham,"

*THE YORKSHIRE EVENING POST*
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

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**HALF-A-CROWN FOR EVERY "BISCUIT" PUBLISHED.**

*We give 2s. 6d. to the sender of every "Biscuit" published. Entrants for this competition are reminded that "Biscuits" are not awarded for mere misprints, unless of a humorous or extraordinary nature. Should the same "Biscuit" be forwarded by more than one competitor, preference will be given to the reader whose letter is first opened. No coupons are required. In forwarding newspaper cuttings, sufficient must be sent to identify the name of the paper and date of issue.*

# THE KING'S SLANDERERS' AGENT CONFESSES.

## UNQUALIFIED CONDEMNATION OF MYLIUS—FINAL AND CONCLUSIVE REFUTATION OF A FOUL SLANDER.

*[The following article, from the pen of one of the associates of the man James and of Mylius, who was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for gross libels upon the King, is published by us in consequence of the Editor of the "Liberator" deliberately continuing his vile attacks, despite the fact that his own agent has proved to him the baselessness of the charges.]*

The main reason of this article is to clear up, once and for all, any doubt that may exist in the mind of any man or woman regarding the wicked suggestion of a marriage having taken place between King George and Miss Mary E. Culme Seymour, between the years 1889 and 1891. A paper is published in Paris named *The Liberator*, edited by Edward Holton James—an American, living at 22, Rue Saint Dominique—who states that he has a "regard for truth," and in it this absurd allegation is persistently repeated. But when he is shown absolute proof of its falsity he deliberately and callously disregards it. As the epigram runs, "It's a beautiful thing to search for truth, but a horrible thing to find it"—when you do not want it.

In the issue of *The Liberator* dated October, 1911, it is stated :—

> *There is only one period, so far as we can find any indication, when it would have been possible for King George to marry Mary Elizabeth Culme Seymour on any of the Islands of the Malta group, and that is the period June 9th to June 25th*, 1890.

Bearing this declaration in mind, we give, in his own words, the story of one of James's colleagues—a strong Republican—who was specially deputed to find "proofs" of the charges.

"I undertook my investigation for the editor of *The Liberator* on one condition—which was that when I found out the truth the paper would publish it for the benefit of the British public. Now the editor of *The Liberator* is in actual possession of details of the movements of King George between the dates of June 9th and 25th, 1890, but refuses to publish them, thereby breaking our agreement and denying the truth. But the editor of *The Liberator* attempts to justify his unfairness by insinuating that I am paid by the British Government to get him to give up his search and admit he is beaten; he also alleges that I was an 'agent provocateur,' the worst kind of police spy. Since his paper declines to publish proof that his story of the Malta marriage is impossible, I have decided to ask JOHN BULL.

"I found proof of King George's movements between June 9th and 25th, 1890, when he was on the gunboat *Thrush* at Gibraltar, on the file of the *Gibraltar Chronicle and Official Gazette*, in the library of the Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue. The issues of the paper for June, 1890, give King George's movements during the month, thereby dissipating, once and for all, the myth that he married Miss Mary E. Culme Seymour at Malta between those dates, *as he was at Gibraltar all the time and could not possibly have got to Malta.*

"Now *The Liberator* states in its December issue that the editor had asked two friends to go to the Royal Colonial Institute to see these papers, and they were refused! I maintain that if these so-called friends had gone in a proper manner they would have been shown the file. Mylius, the man who has suffered for his statements, and a victim of the irresponsible editor of *The Liberator*, was appealed to to go and see the papers, but he went off to Paris without doing so!

"The *Gibraltar Chronicle* states :—

June 10th, 1890.

Her Majesty's first-class screw gunboat *Thrush*, six guns, Lieut.-Commander H.R.H. Prince George of Wales, K.G., A.D.C., arrived here yesterday afternoon from Plymouth *en route* to the West Indies.

June 12th, 1890.

Amongst those who have taken seats for the theatricals, which our readers will remember are given by the Gibraltar Garrison Dramatic Club this evening and to-morrow, are His Excellency the Deputy-Governor and His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales.

June 12th, 1890.

We understand that Her Majesty's gunboat *Thrush*, under the command of His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales, will leave for the West Indies about the middle of next week.

June 13th, 1890.

His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales was entertained at dinner last night at Lime Wall House by His Excellency the Deputy-Governor and Mrs. Newdigate.

June 14th, 1890.

The Polo Tournament was continued on Thursday last at Campamento, where His Royal Highness Prince George of Wales took part in the game.

June 15th, 1890.

SHIPS OF WAR IN PORT :— . . . H.M. screw *Thrush*, four gunboats Lieut.-Commander H.R.H. Prince George of Wales.

June 16th, 1890.

A correspondent sends us the following :—It is difficult and invidious to criticise the acting of amateurs, but it would hardly be justifiable to allow the performance of "The Ladies' Battle," given by the Garrison Dramatic Club on Thursday and Friday last at the Assembly Rooms, Almeida, to pass unnoticed. His Excellency the Deputy-Governor and Mrs. Newdigate and H.R.H. Prince George of Wales were among those present on the latter day.

June 17th, 1890.

SHIPS OF WAR IN PORT :— . . . H.M. screw gunboat *Thrush*, four guns, Lieut.-Commander H.R.H. Prince George of Wales.

June 18th and 19th, 1890.

*Thrush* included in similar lists.

June 20th, 1890.

There were decidedly more people present at the Gymkhana held at the North Front yesterday than the meeting on the 5th inst. His Excellency the Deputy-Governor and Mrs. Newdigate and H.R.H. Prince George of Wales were present.

June 23rd, 1890.

Gunboat *Thrush* put to sea.

[This was, apparently, a trial run—to test the engines, etc. In any event, it was impossible for the *Thrush* to have travelled much more than a third of the distance from Gibraltar to Malta and back, 1,974 miles, between this date and the 25th.—ED.]

June 25th, 1890.

H.M. first-class screw gunboat *Thrush*, six guns, Lieut.-Commander Prince George of Wales, K.G., A.D.C., which arrived here on the 9th inst., from Plymouth, left shortly before 10 o'clock this morning for the West Indies.

"This is the evidence that the editor of *The Liberator* refuses to publish, after getting me to investigate the case! I have appealed to him to do so many times, but without avail. However, he goes on with his despicable slandering, though he knows the truth."

Such is the overwhelming evidence of the wickedness of the slander upon His Majesty; and to the credit of the writer of the report, let us quote what he says in forwarding it to us :—"If we are to bring about a Republic in Great Britain, let us endeavour to do so in a respectable manner, and not by lying in this way."

## WHY THE "ECLIPSE" SHOULD BE ECLIPSED.

### "THERE IS DANGER IN DELAY."

We prefer big game shooting—and, indeed, *we* usually confine ourselves to that particular kind of sport—but sniping is sometimes necessary when an over-abundance of the bird is pestering the land.

The Eclipse Assurance Corporation was founded by some members of the Miners' Loyal Endeavour Society, then at 21, Moseley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, about a couple of years ago. As regards its career up to November last we have nothing to say, except that it was suffering from galloping consumption of its assets. At this juncture the balance-sheet was placed before the shareholders, and it was announced at the annual meeting that "the well-known firm of bankers, Messrs. Arthur Williams and Co., of 104, Queen Victoria Street, were prepared to take the Eclipse in hand."

In addition, in a circular issued to the shareholders to induce them to consent to this handing over of their business, it is stated that the "whole of the capital unissued at the date of the last balance-sheet" (*i.e.*, £7,323 out of but £10,000) "has been applied for and allotted," and that Arthur Williams and Co., "who were large shareholders," had become the Company's bankers. This, however, is again misleading, as affixed to the register of shareholders was an agreement—the original of which as lately as February 2nd was unstamped—by Arthur Williams and Co. to take the remainder of the shares *in six months' time*—a period which has not yet, of course, elapsed. Nevertheless, the "chief office" of the Company is now at 77, Queen Victoria Street, opposite Arthur Williams and Co.'s address.

According to the last balance-sheet, the Company's cash capital is but £769, and the document shows that the concern was then £262 in debt.

It seems to us that persons paying premiums to the Company should study the accounts, and cast their eye on the concern's motto, "*Periculum in Mora*," and act upon it.

## MORE "SNIPING."

### WHO IS "JOHN HAMMOND" OF CLAPHAM?

A few days ago an advertisement appeared in a Portsmouth paper for a storekeeper. Those who made application for the post received in due course the following stencilled letter from "John Hammond," 115a, Landor Road, Clapham :—

> DEAR SIR,—In answer to your application for storekeeper, you will no doubt be appointed, as I intend placing the same before the next meeting of directors in about a fortnight's time, providing I receive from you a favourable reply. Altogether five men are required, one to act as foreman. The duties are to superintend the measuring and weighing of various kinds of wire and hemp ropes, and issue same to authorised representatives, also to keep accounts of same. There is nothing complicating, but you must, of course, be honest.
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> The warehouses, which are the property of the British Wire and Rope Manufacturing Company, open at 9 a.m., when your attendance will be necessary, and closes at 4.30 p.m., closed on holidays, and at 11 a.m. Saturdays, excepting when there is an extra pressure of business, when you will be paid overtime.
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> Wages start at 32s. 6d., rising after the first three months to 35s., then 2s. 6d. annually to 45s. per week. The foreman will receive 10s. per week extra. The work is light, as labourers do the heavy work. The principal qualification is honesty, and to insure this the company have decided to employ only storekeepers who will pay £5 down as a security. This is returned after one year's service. In replying please state if you will pay security on or before February 15th, 912. Securities should be sent by postal order, and made payable to Mr. J. Hammond. I will make my selections from the answers I now receive. Send no money till you are asked, and tell me in your reply what you are applying for—storekeeper or foreman. You will be required to start the first week in March, but the situation will, if necessary, be kept open for you for one month.
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> When I can spare time to interview you personally I will inform you and send your railway fare. Please answer smartly, and I shall know what to do.

We need hardly state that 115a, Landor Road, Clapham, is an accommodation address. Our representative left his card on which he pencilled a cordial invitation to Hammond to call at Long Acre. Up to the moment of going to press he has not honoured us with a visit.

## THE NOTORIOUS HAYWARD'S-HEATH MAGISTRATES.

### OH, WHAT A DIFFERENCE!

Some time ago we had a few words with the Hayward's Heath Bench for giving a boy two years in a reformatory and a birching for stealing five pennyworth of coal.

It really seems these gentlemen have no sense of proportion. Here is the latest indiscretion. A man named Charles H. Moore was charged with stealing 3s. 3d. from the till of a shop at which he was a customer. Defendant pleaded guilty, and—desipte the fact that he admitted that these thefts had been going on for two months—he was merely bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months! This letting off was doubtless due to the fact that the man belonged to "a very respectable family."

After delivering judgment the Chairman turned upon the prosecutor, a struggling shopkeeper, with the remark, "We think the way in which your business is conducted is rather a temptation to others. It is easy to go into your shop and rob the till." Prosecutor replied that defendant "had to lean and lie at full length over the counter to get at the till." To this the Chairman retorted that prosecutor should look after his shop while customers were in it. Are we to assume that in Hayward's Heath every tradesman—no matter how small—must employ an assistant to mind the shop while he is having his meals?

## ALL MY EYE!

### CATFORD LAD'S MISCHIEVOUS PROPENSITIES.

William Arthur John White, aged 15, of Barmeston Road, Catford, recently sued his employer, Mr. Earring, oil and Italian warehouseman, of 113, Rushey Green, under the Workmen's Compensation Act for the loss of an eye in the course of his employment. The lad was paid 7s. a week. One day he went to the lavatory and on trying to get out found the door locked from the outside; he called several times for it to be opened and he heard George Earring (his employer's son) laugh. Some pieces of wood came over the door, and then he felt something in his right eye. This proved to be spirits of salts, and the result was that the eye had to be removed. The mischief was done by the respondent's son, who, according to the evidence, certainly had mischievous propensities. On one occasion while a lad was in the lavatory he put liquid ammonia under the door, on another he threw two or three tins of disinfectant at the lad, and on still another he smothered a boy's clothes with grease. The learned Judge held that it was not an accident arising out of the employment within the meaning of the Act. We quite agree with the Judge's technical interpretation of the law, but now Mr. Earring has satisfied himself that he is not under any legal liability we trust he will not forget his moral obligations—especially as it seems to us to have been very improper to have kept such dangerous substances as spirits of salts and liquid ammonia where boys could play about with them.

## LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION!

An Exmouth grocer, following the general custom in the trade, prints, at the head of his invoices, advertisements of various articles he sells, including a certain brand of Scotch whisky. A short time ago he had the great honour of fulfilling a contract with the Exmouth Council for the supply of certain goods, in respect of which several of these invoices were sent to the District Council's Surveyor and Engineer—with the result that they elicited from that distinguished official the following polite note: "I should be glad if you would, in future, send in your accounts on plain bill-headings, and not those containing advertisements for beer, boot polish, and the like."

Was the Surveyor afraid of being tempted either to have a drink or his boots cleaned?

"BRAININE"
FOR NERVES AND WORRY.
All Chemists, 1s. 1½d.

## UNCENSORED PLAYLETS.

BY "RETLAW."

### DEAR OLD CHARLES.

*Dramatis Personæ:*

CHARLES.
JULIA, his wife.
JIM, his friend.

SCENE:
*Any old room.*

ACT I.

*Enter* CHARLES.

CHARLES: What a confounded nuisance women are—especially wives. More especially my wife. Who would have dreamed that the silly girl would be taken that way? This comes of theatre-going, or I'm a Dutchman. D——n these adaptations of rotten French plays. *I* know what she wants. I read it in her eyes at breakfast plainly enough. She looks on me as a fat-headed domestic stick-in-the-mud; a goody-goody, puritanical spouse without "go" enough to perpetrate a peccadillo. Bah! does she think I couldn't see through her veiled hints? Thinks I'm too much of a Sammy. Queer thing.

*Enter* JIM.

JIM: Hello, old sport! In the dumps? My aunt! you look as if you'd got all your money in Consols. What's the row?

CHARLES (*groaning*): Worse than that, Jim. I *could* stand that. If they *do* go a bit lower it won't make much difference now. (*Whispering*) It's the wife!

JIM: Don't mean to say you've had a row with Julia?

CHARLES: Not a row exactly. But she's changed. Ever since the night she saw that rotten play of Brookfield's she's seemed different. Treats me with a sort of cold scorn—*you* know. A beastly pitying smile and all that sort of thing. Can't make it out. Makes me mad.

JIM (*insinuatingly*): Done anything wrong, old man?

CHARLES (*flaring*): Wrong? What d'ye mean, wrong?

JIM (*deprecatingly*): There isn't another woman, or anything of that sort, eh?

CHARLES (*fiercely*): What the devil do you mean by that? D'ye think I'm one of those rotten wasters you see depicted on the stage? When I married Julia I meant what I said.

JIM: Yes, yes.

CHARLES: And I don't thank any man, least of all an old friend who knows my character, to suggest I am capable of playing *that* sort of game. Understand that.

JIM: I do. That's the trouble.

CHARLES: What the deuce d'ye mean by that?

JIM: You're too good. That's what it is. She's got hold of some silly notion that there is no credit in loving a chap who never does a side-slip. Women like to forgive, you know. They like to rise to what they call the occasion. Bloomin' rot, I call it. But there you are. They're made like it. Ever had to ask her forgiveness?

CHARLES: Never! I've studied her in every possible way since the day we were married. I've cherished my honour, for her sake, like a sacred thing.

JIM (*musingly*): Pity. You'll have to turn over a new leaf, old chap.

CHARLES (*hotly*): D'ye mean to say I must besmirch myself to regain my wife's affection and respect?

JIM: Don't see any other way out of it.

CHARLES: Look here, Jim; we've been friends, you and I, since——

JIM (*abstractedly*): What play's she seen lately?

CHARLES: Oh, any amount. "Œdipus Rex," "The Miracle," "Bunty," "Dear Old Cha——"

JIM (*starting*): Damme, that's it! Did you see it?

CHARLES (*scornfully*): Not me. She went with that woman Brown. *I* had an idea that might have had something to do with——

JIM (*excitedly*): That did it! Take it from me. Look here, I've got an idea. Listen. We'll teach her a lesson. (*He whispers.*)

End of ACT I.

ACT II.

*Enter* CHARLES *and* JULIA.

CHARLES (*confusedly*): I—er—my dear, I may not be home to dinner this evening. I've—er—got rather an important business appointment that may detain me till late. I—er—think there's no necessity for you to sit up for me.

JULIA (*with studied indifference*): Indeed? Anything special?

CHARLES.: Er—well, yes, it is *rather* special. It's in connection wi h—er—son e shares you kr.ow.

JULIA (*starting, then smiling sweetly*): How should *I* know, dear? I've no head for these silly business affairs. (*Aside.*) Not home to dinner! Not to wait up! Shares!! *Enter* JIM, *carrying his hat, which he places on the table.*

JIM: Hello, young people! I've come to ask whether you can take pity on a poor old grass bachelor this evening. The wife's going out to dinner, and won't be home till late, so I thought I might as well run round and have a snack with you both.

JULIA: Who is she dining with, Jim?

JIM: Don't know exactly. She didn't mention the people's name, now I come to think of it.

CHARLES (*with increased confusion*): Er—unfortunately, old man, I'm booked for to-night. I shan't be home to dinner. Business appointment, and all that sort of thing, you know. Deuced pity. What?

JULIA: Some share business, you know, Jim.

CHARLES (*approaching the table with studied carelessness*): Er—yes, that's it. Share business.

JIM: Oh, o—h. I see. Ah, well; business must be attended to.

JULIA (*watching* CHARLES *narrowly as, with a clumsy attempt at concealment, he draws a letter from the lining of* JIM'S *hat*): Of course.

JIM: Then I'll have a chop at the club. Ta-ta. Don't be *too* late, old man. [*Exit* JIM.]

JULIA (*pale and trembling*): What letter was that you took from Jim's hat?

CHARLES: Le-letter? What letter? Which letter, my love?

JULIA (*passionately*): Don't call me your love. Show me that letter instantly.

CHARLES: You must be d-dreaming, my sweet. Letter? Jim's hat? What the——

JULIA (*stamping her foot*): Don't try to deceive me, wretch! I saw you with my own eyes. (*Sneeringly*) So you will be *late* to-night, eh? I am not to sit up, eh? Some share business, eh? And Mrs. Jim, strange to say, is also dining out, and Jim, poor fool, doesn't know where or who with. Or *who* WITH, I say. (*Clenching her hands*) SHOW ME THAT LETTER!

CHARLES: W-which one, dear?

JULIA (*with scorn*): Which one—you may well say *which one*. No doubt there are dozens—hundreds. THOUSANDS, maybe. But I will be content to see one! *That* one! (*pointing dramatically*). In your trousers pocket. I *saw you put it there!*

CHARLES (*ruefully drawing forth the desired letter*): If you must, you must, I suppose.

JULIA (*snatching the missive and tearing it open*): What's this? Wha-what does it mean? (*Reads.*)

"A little lesson for a foolish, romantic, suspicious darling little wifie, from dear old Charles."

O—h! I have been fooled!! I have been fooled! (*Strides about the room.*) I thought you had made an assignation. How *could* you be so cruel to deceive me so? (*Drops into a chair, sobbing.*)

CHARLES (*on his knees beside her*): Dear, are you sorry it is not true?

JULIA (*sobbing pitifully*): I—I thought I—I should have something to—to f-forgive you for! O—h, how *cruel* of you. When I wanted to be able to show you how much I loved you. (*More sobs.*)

CHARLES: But there *is* something you must forgive me for, dearest.

JULIA (*rocking herself*): Wh-what is it?

CHARLES (*taking her in his arms*): For making a sweet little fool of you for the first and last time in my life.

JULIA (*flinging her arms around his neck*): Oh, dear old Charles, I do, I *do!* [*Much kissing.*]

CURTAIN.

## A WORD WITH WHITELEY'S.

### A PECULIAR MOTOR-CYCLE DEAL.

A West London reader is moved by our recital of the treatment meted out by Messrs. Maple to a Bournemouth boarding-house keeper, to place before us an account of a recent transaction with Messrs. Whiteley. She has done a considerable amount of business with this firm on the hire purchase system, including the buying of a piano, two bicycles, two expensive cameras, and practically all the furniture of her flat, the goods in the latter case amounting to £300 odd.

In the autumn of 1910, one of her sons obtained a motor-bicycle from the firm. The machine was listed at £55, and he paid a deposit of £22, though the trade custom is to require only a quarter of the price down. Another son took it over. Though the agreement provided for the payment of £1 15s. per month, the practice was to pay £5 5s. quarterly, and two of such instalments were paid, as well as one of £3 1 s. and one of £: 15s., all by cheque.

In September last, when £37 10s. had been paid, another five guineas was so due. The boy was seriously ill with peritonitis. His mother could not, of course, worry him to write to his trustees who hold consi erable funds on his behalf. She went down to Whiteley's, and asked them to wait until she received an allowance which was shortly payable. It should be mentioned that the lady was at this time slightly behind in her payments upon another small contract, but the whole amount due, including the motor cycle, did not exceed £12, and, as we have already stated, she had paid the firm several hundreds of pounds in this way, besides being for ten years a cash customer for other goods. The Westbourne Grove people, however, refused to stay their hands, and—though two-thirds of the price of the motor cycle had been paid—on September 23rd wrote her as follows:—

> MADAM,—It was our intention to send this morning for the purpose of taking possession of the Motor Cycle as mentioned at the interview yesterday, but our representative was not available. We propose, however, sending on Monday next, when we shall be obliged if you will kindly arrange for our property to be handed over, pending our arrival at a satisfactory settlement.
>
> We are, Madam,
> Yours faithfully
> WILLIAM WHITELEY, LTD.

On the 25th they sent two men, one of whom presented to her the following letter:—

> MADAM,—The bearer, our representative, is authorised to take possession of our Motor Bicycle, and furnish a receipt for same upon its being handed over.
>
> We are, Madam,
> Yours faithfully,
> WILLIAM WHITELEY, LTD.

However, the lady managed to stave off these individuals, and then went a-borrowing, and, needless to say, a-sorrowing. She ultimately raised the amount required.

Now we venture to say that Messrs. Whiteley's treatment of this old customer was hardly considerate. They were assured that the few weeks' delay for which she pleaded would enable her to obtain money from her late father's trustees, who make her regular payments. She also informed them at the interview of the grave illness of her son; and her desperate fight for peace in which her boy might effect a recovery of his health might have been expected to move their sympathy. The seizing of the machine in the flat at which she had resided for five years would also indelibly disgrace her in the eyes of her neighbours—everyone who has ever lived in a London flat is aware of the morbid curiosity which actuates tenants of such places regarding their neighbours, and of the fact that the slightest discreditable rumour spreads like the proverbial "wildfire."

## "THE RARE AND REFRESHING FRUIT."

We have received the following from Walthamstow:—

> I am a shop assistant, and belong to the Shop Assistants' Union. I have *always* had my wages when ill, and have never come across anyone (during 14 years' shop life) who has not. I have just seen a proposed scheme of the Shop Assistants, Warehousemen, and Clerks' Union, which they are going to work as an approved society under the Insurance Act. By it I shall have to pay 1d. a week more than I am paying now, and shall receive no more benefits until I have been ill *over* eight weeks.

This sort of "fruit" may be rare, but it does not strike us as being particularly refreshing.

## HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CLXXX.

*[In this column, every week, we publish particulars of some human derelict whose case, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]*

### PITIABLE PLIGHT OF STARVING CHILDREN.

One of our numerous readers brings to our notice a very sad case which we have investigated and find deserving of help. Here is the letter just as received:—

> I should like to draw your attention to a very distressing case of a poor family. The husband has been out of work since October. To my knowledge, he has tried very hard to obtain employment, but has been unsuccessful. He has eight children living at home, and but one earning a small wage, sufficient only to pay rent. My father and self have been helping them for some time; owing to our circumstances being reduced, we cannot assist them any further. I was there this evening, and all the little children were crying for bread. The husband had been out trying to get a few pence to get them something to eat, and when he returned without anything it was heartrending to see the children turn off to bed without any food. And I may say the beds are only an apology for same, with hardly anything to cover them, as everything is in pawn. There is one poor little boy suffering from tonsilitis, and they cannot even buy milk. The husband has hardly any boots to his feet, and the wife goes out daily to try and get a little charing, but only earns a shilling or so a week. I have known these people for several years and they are highly respectable. I hope it will lay in your power to do something for them.

We shall be very pleased to forward any assistance—either in the way of offers of work for the father, or clothes or money for the family—which our generous readers may be prompted to send.

We have received the following amounts, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:

CLXXI.—B. J. A. (Nowata), 2s. 8d.

CLXXVII.—"Market," 2s. 6d.

CLXXVIII.—C. F. J. H., 2s.; G. M. E., 2s.; "Tunbridge Wells," 2s.; "Soldier Sympathiser," 2s.; L. E. H. M. (Hastings), 30s.

CLXXIX.—"Chum," 2s.; "Essex," 2s. 6d.; L. E. H. M (Hastings), 10s.

## "JOHN BULL" COLLECTING BOXES.

### FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR "HUMAN DOCUMENT" FUND.

In response to our appeal, many shopkeepers and tradesmen—including a considerable number of licensed victuallers—have generously consented to exhibit collecting boxes for our "Human Document" Fund. The following are the places in the London S.W. District where such boxes will be found, and we shall be deeply grateful if any of our readers in the neighbourhood will drop in and leave a mite for the benefit of the derelicts for whom we plead. The boxes will be cleared at regular intervals, and their contents applied to the relief of any particular case selected by the collector. Failing such direction, the money will be distributed in our discretion. Further lists will appear from time to time:—

Mr. Ernest Block, "Coopers' Arms," Flood Street, Chelsea; Mr. Herbert Bowden, 12, Lillie Road, Fulham; The Manager, 6, Buckingham Palace Road; Mr. Ernest Butt, "The Rose," 86, Fulham Road; Mr. H. Chivers, 98, Wilton Road, Pimlico; Mr. Edwin H. Gilbert, "George Canning Hotel," Effra Road, Brixton; Messrs. Bridge and Co., 48, Brompton Road; Mr. A. C. Heath, 16, Seagrave Road, Fulham; Mr. A. Heep, 3, Denbigh Place Pimlico; Mr. Arthur Moore, "Coach and Horses," 348, Clapham Road; Mr. E. T. Primm, "Cock," Walham Green; Mr. T. H. Rawlings, "Bessborough Arms," Bessborough Place; Mr. A. E. Taylor, "The Albion," Sussex Street, Pimlico; Mr. J. Money, 28, Pimlico Road; Mr. A. J. Blowes, "Colville Tavern," King's Road, Chelsea.

## THE EVOLUTION OF THE DANCE.

### SOME CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS.

By RICHARD MORTON.

First came Miss Maud Allan, followed by a cloud of "classical dancers" sparsely garbed in a few beads. Next arrived the Russian dancers, and London succumbed to their grace and agility, grovelling at their gymnastic and insistent feet. Now we are threatened with sundry American dances that are said to be the limit.

So wild, woolly, and wonderful are these inventions from New York, so naughty and so appealing to the baser senses, that the goody-goody people among our American cousins actually arranged a special private show, stipulating that everything should be exhibited to them in its most improper form, with no single *outré* step or pose omitted, but that all should be served up to them in its immodest entirety. They just wanted to sit there and see things and miss nothing. The goody-goody folk of all nations have this peculiar appetite.

And now we are despairing lest these naughty dances should be brought over to our ball-rooms; at least, some of us are despairing lest they should, and some are despairing lest they shouldn't.

The dances are known by quaint names, indicative in some degree of their character. There is the Turkey Trot, the Grizzly Bear, the Boston Dip, and the Monkey Scramble.

The posturing is supposed to be the most offensive element; it all lies in the juxtaposition of the sexes, the attitudinising, back-bending, and so on. And yet, from a printed description, it seems more like stupidity than anything else. The Monkey Scramble, for instance, relies for its popularity on the fact that the men are imprisoned in a ring by the girls; they must squeeze a way out, race to a Christmas tree to which is tied a valuable trinket, and jump for the spoil. The man who jumps highest gets the jewellery, and presents it to his blushing partner—if partners still blush in New York.

Now, all that sounds, not indelicate, but merely idiotic, and we fail to see why ridiculous rubbish of the kind should be imported from America when we are quite capable of inventing superior nonsense of our own. We have, therefore, planned a few dances for home consumption. They are all-British, quite innocent, and just as stupid as the best American variety. Here they are:

*The Battersea Bump.*—This is a two-step, to be danced with the partners back to back, and the progress to be sideways. Couples are to bump other couples, all in a spirit of jollity, and the *crux* of the dance comes with the last bar of the music, when the gentleman is to swing the lady off her feet and bump her on the floor, at the same time shouting, "What ho! she bumps!" If she does not bump, you get your money back. (American papers, please copy.)

*The Willesden Wriggle.*—This is a one-step. The lady stands with her back to her partner; he places his hands on her shoulders and guides her round the room. The wriggle effect is obtained because the lady must attempt to proceed in the direction opposite to that in which the gentleman guides her, he being at liberty to change the course whenever he thinks she is not wriggling enough.

*The Tooting Tangle.*—This is a hop-skip-and-jump step, and is made very amusing and exhilarating because the partners are required to hop, skip or jump at their pleasure, but must not both execute the same step at the same moment; for instance, when the gentleman hops, the lady must skip or jump. Any gentleman carelessly throwing a lady to the floor must pay a forfeit, but there are no forfeits for toes trodden on, ankles kicked, or dresses torn. That is all part of the fun.

These dances appear to us to be just the thing for smart society.

AN IDEAL PAPER FOR WOMEN.

"MRS. BULL."

A splendid Set of Useful Patterns Given Away.

EVERY TUESDAY. PRICE ONE PENNY.

## UNWITTINGSEND WILLS.

[*This is a companion feature to our "Anticipated Epitaphs" and is just as authentic.*]

### This is the Last Will and Testament

— of me —

HERBERT HENRY ASQUITH, of 10, Downing Street, Westminster, in the County of London, gentleman.

I HEREBY REVOKE all former testamentary dispositions made by me.

FIRST I commend my memory to the Party I have served so faithfully and well, hoping, and assuredly believing, that I shall live long in their recollection.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my friend and political lieutenant, David Lloyd George, of Criccieth, in the County of Carnarvon, gent., my seat on the Treasury Bench in the House of Commons.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto the said David Lloyd George my copyright in the expression "Wait and see."

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto my ancient enemy and very good friend, Arthur James Balfour, of Whittingehame in the County of Haddingtonshire, N.B., gent., all my golf clubs, and any philosophical work that he may care to select from my library.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto the Women's National Anti-Suffrage League the sum of five pounds yearly, as a thank-offering for having escaped physical injury at the hands of infuriated Suffragettes during a long period of years.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto Sir George Askwith, of St. Ives, in the County of Hunts, Knight, the sum of five thousand pounds, on condition that he doth change his name by deed poll from Askwith to Smith, Brown, Jones, or Robinson, so that in after time there may be no possibility of his temporary popularity as Strike Settler eclipsing my fame by reason of the unfortunate similarity between our respective names.

I GIVE, BEQUEATH, AND DEVISE, unto Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, of Westminster, in the County of of London, gent., my second best coat belonging to my uniform as Elder Brother of Trinity House, in the hope that he may cherish the same and show it to his children and his children's children as a relic of the Prime Minister who pushed him with such excessive speed up the Party political ladder.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH all my wearing apparel, excepting such items as may be otherwise devised, unto Madame Tussaud's, on the strict condition that none of the said wearing apparel be at any time used to clothe any figure in the Chamber of Horrors.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH my talent for giving evasive answers to questions in Parliament unto Dr. Macnamara, of Herne Hill, gent., the only Liberal Minister who appears to be in need of it.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH my habitual geniality and sociability unto Sir Edward Grey, of Criston Bank, in the County of Northumberland, baronet, who needs those qualities more than any other Liberal Minister I wot of.

I GIVE, BEQUEATH, AND DEVISE my spirit of independence to John Redmond, of Westminster, in the County of London, gent., he having carried my said spirit of independence, which I had lent him, in his pocket so long that the same will be of no further use to me or to my descendants.

THE RESIDUE of my goods, chattels, property, and possessions I give, will, bequeath, and devise as follows:—

[The remaining clauses of the Will being of a purely private and personal character, have no interest for the general public.—ED.]

## CAN ANYONE HELP HERE?

A confirmed invalid, 56 years of age, the son of a rector, wants a hand-propelling chair. He is a married man with a family, and well respected in the town in which he lives. For the past twelve months he has been confined indoors because he is unable to walk on account of two operations to his legs. He feels sure some reader of JOHN BULL will help him to get about again. We have satisfied ourselves that this is a genuine case. Now we leave it with our readers.

# EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSE TO THE OFFER MADE TO OUR READERS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE PELMAN "EARN MORE MONEY" TRAINING COURSE.

## EARLY CLOSING OF LIST OWING TO LARGE NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES, INCLUDING BARRISTERS, LAWYERS, BUSINESS MEN, CLERKS, &c.

There has been an extraordinary number of enquiries in response to the offer of the Pelman School to reduce the cost of its training to a limited number of readers of JOHN BULL.

Amongst the applications received on the morning following JOHN BULL's publication of the offer were several from members of Parliament, many from barristers and lawyers, and a host from business men of all grades, from merchants, bankers and financiers to cashiers, managers, head-clerks, accountants, book-keepers, shop assistants and clerks. Let yours be the next application—it will bring you in a rich return in the shape of an income perhaps even trebled.

DEVELOP MONEY-EARNING POWERS.

Professional men, too, engineers and mechanics, have also proved anxious to secure better positions and earn larger incomes by means of this success-making system particulars of which are now offered you free on a personal call or application by letter. This system develops in those who undertake it the gold-earning qualities of—

A magnificent never-forgetting memory.
Original ideation and creative power.
Mental energy.
Determination.
Mental concentration.
Rapid mental assimilation.
Wide intellectual grasp.
Self-confidence and decision.
The power of dominating others.
Sound reasoning and logical thinking.
Organising power.

All these qualities are developed in your brain by this wonderful Pelman plan. Write for free particulars and copy of the Pelman Journal, *to-day!*

In consequence of the number of men and women who have already enrolled for the Home-taught Course of Pelman Mind-Training under the JOHN BULL reduction plan, the list is on the point of being completed and the offer withdrawn.

THE LISTS ARE ON THE POINT OF CLOSING.

There is yet time—if you write at once. Everything, including the splendid magazine showing how to make your mind a veritable money-mint coining out golden sovereigns for you every day, is sent you free. Write for it now. When you find yourself earning double, treble, or even four times the income you are earning now—as the result of your increased capacity through making this application (which costs you not even a penny)—you will look back to this day as the red-letter day of your life, the date upon which you took the tide at the flood that led straight on to fortune and success—with all the happiness that success brings.

MUSCLE POWER LIMITED—BRAIN POWER UNLIMITED.

"Men are paid" says a great writer, "for either what they think or for what they do with their muscles. Man's muscles have a limit; he can move just so much matter by physical force, but by thinking he has unlimited possibilities."

The man who wishes to make money in big sums must develop in his brain those powers which, as the above quotation puts it, are unlimited.

Many readers who adopted the Pelman system twelve months ago now hold much bigger positions and draw much larger incomes than they did before—solely because of the "getting on and holding on" capabilities developed by this system.

You can do the same, whatever your present position. Just send to-day for the magazine and full particulars. They cost you nothing, but their value to you can only be stated in terms of doubly or trebly (perhaps even more) greatly increased income.

DEVELOPING THE LATENT POWER OF YOUR BRAIN.

Everybody's brain holds possibilities of better things. The seeds of success, of capacity, of big-income-earning powers, are sown by Nature in every mind. Too often these powers are left undeveloped. If you are holding a subordinate badly-paid position now it is because these powers of greater things—which you do possess whether you know it or not—have not been properly developed and cultured.

By practising the Pelman system (which you follow in your own home in your spare time or at odd moments during the day) you develop in your mind qualities which the world at once perceives and rewards with more money and higher position.

RAPID RISE IN INCOME SCALE OF PELMAN-TRAINED MEN.

As a consequence of adopting this system the clerk finds himself rapidly advanced in the office, he becomes book-keeper, cashier, head-clerk, confidential secretary or manager of a department.

The department manager in a similar way finds himself becoming a more powerful and important personality in the firm.

This is no imaginative picture. It is what actually happens to readers who have trained their minds and improved and developed their getting-on faculties by this plan, as the letters in the possession of the Secretary of the Pelman School show.

Besides this "getting-on" faculty developed by the Pelman system, this method also strengthens your mind and memory, enables you to do more and better work in less time, and gives you such splendid memorising powers that you are able to remember (and never forget) figures, dates, appointments, addresses, names, prices and arguments, and business plans, to obtain a complete mastery over foreign languages, scientific data, intricate sets of figures, and to commit whole passages to memory in from a quarter to half the usual time—a faculty most useful to barristers, solicitors, speakers, teachers, bank clerks, commercial travellers, salesmen, shop assistants, professional men, as well as to business men of every rank, age and position.

GETS YOU TO THE TOP OF THE TREE OF SUCCESS.

The world offers golden prizes to the Pelman-trained man. Employers are looking out for them and willing to pay big salaries to the men who have trained their minds on the same principles as brought them themselves to the top of the business tree. Big business men, too, are taking up the system and increasing the money-earning powers of their brains.

You have this opportunity to-day—the opportunity of earning more money by a system which you can adopt at a greatly reduced fee if you avail yourself of the present occasion. Enter before it is too late. Train your money-making getting-on faculties by this plan, which you can adopt at once before the offer is withdrawn.

WRITE FOR YOUR FREE COPY OF THE PELMAN MAGAZINE TO-DAY.

If you are unable to call, send your application by letter or post-card to-day for free copy of the first issue of "Pelman's Magazine of the Mind" with which you will also receive full particulars of the special terms arranged for readers of JOHN BULL, to whom the Pelman Course of Training has been so constantly recommended by the Editor. Address your letter or postcard *to The Secretary*, THE PELMAN SCHOOL, 15, WENHAM HOUSE, BLOOMSBURY STREET, LONDON, W.C. A free copy of The Pelman Magazine will reach you by return post, and an opportunity to receive The Pelman Course on very advantageous terms if you care to avail yourself of it.

## "TALES OF THE ROAD."

### "PROPER" STORIES TOLD BY "COMMERCIALS."

*We have had pleasure in awarding consolation prizes of half-a-guinea each to the senders of the following stories in our recent competition:—*

"Poison."

"On the Road" we come across many strange experiences, some grave and some gay. For the gaiety of my fellow commercials, I will recount one instance of a peculiar incident that occurred to me. Travelling on a long non-stop journey from Leeds to London by the night mail, I had one fellow passenger in my compartment. He was morose, and after I had made an attempt to have a little friendly chat, which was not reciprocated, I settled down for a nap. I didn't like his looks a bit, but we get used to "all sorts and conditions of men" when on the road; so I dismissed him from my thoughts, closed my eyes and being very tired soon slipped off into oblivion. Something must have startled me, and on opening my eyes I saw my *vis-a-vis* with a bottle, drinking out of it. It was clearly labelled "Poison," and my heart gave a big thump.

He looked at me and laughed, and, taking another gulp, offered me the bottle. To humour the madman, I took it, and was just about to pour the remaining contents on the floor when he jumped up and seized it. Then we struggled for possession, and rolled each other over and over. He was stronger than me, and quickly sat on my chest, got the bottle, and had another gulp. I gasped out, "Don't, you fool!" He replied, "Fool yourself. It's Scotch whisky, and it's only a trick label. I wasn't going to lose my medicine for nothing!!"

A New Line.

Travelling between two large towns in the Midlands in a third-class compartment were several "commercials," who, as is usual in such circumstances, were fraternising and discussing the merits of their various "lines" and telling jokes, questionable and otherwise.

There was, however, one old gentleman in a corner seat who would not join in the conversation. After repeated attempts to "draw" him, one more enterprising than the rest said to him, "Excuse me, sir, but may we have the pleasure of your experiences? We know you are one of us. Come, sir, tell us what you are travelling in!" After a moment's dead silence the demand was repeated, when the old gentleman looked up and said very quietly: "Since you force me to reply, gentlemen, I am travelling in very bad company, and my samples you see around me."

Cold Water.

A young commercial, evidently not long on the "road," was causing some annoyance to the older members of the commercial room by telling some tall stories as to the large ground he covered, and showing the immense orders he had booked, when one of the "old boys" cut in, saying: "My boy, your ground is small. I cover Scotland, the Midlands, London, South of England, and North of France—but its the devil having to swim the Channel twice a week!" The boy saw the joke and soon made himself scarce.

A Question of Identity.

The evening meal was over, writing done, pipes were lit, and the company fell to relating experiences. Of course, one must make himself objectionable by lying about his wonderful orders and tactlessly mentioning customers' names: "Got a £1,000 order from Brown and Jones over the road to-day. Old Brown is a very decent chap," &c., &c. At this remark an old gentleman in the corner, who hadn't spoken before, said: "Did I understand you to say you had a big order from Mr. Brown to-day?" "Yes," replied the tactless one. "Well," said the old gentleman, "I certainly *didn't* give you one; in fact, I don't remember ever having seen you before." In utter confusion the traveller left the room, to the relief of the company. "Very glad you were here, Mr. Brown, to take him down," said one of the company. "I'm not Mr. Brown," said the old gentleman, "but I guessed that chap didn't know that."

*Next week we shall give a further selection of consolation prize stories.*

## PRETORIA JUSTICE.

### DOUBTFUL TREATMENT OF A DISABLED CONSTABLE.

Constable Morris Quinlan, one of the most powerful men physically in the Pretoria Division, was incapacitated whilst carrying out his duty as a policeman in March last. He was, and had been for a long period, staff constable in charge of the cells at the charge office at the police headquarters at Pretoria Street. Early in March a native lunatic was brought to the charge office for temporary incarceration, and was with difficulty placed in a cell by the united efforts of five or six constables. Constable Quinlan in due course took some food to the man, but as the cell door was opened the madman rushed at him and knocked him off his feet on the slippery pavement. Quinlan fell into the yard, and in doing so twisted his knee completely out of joint. The lunatic was secured, but the constable was injured to such an extent that the muscles of the knee atrophied, and after much suffering he was pronounced by a Medical Board to be absolutely incapacitated as a policeman and permanently injured.

When the finding was made known, the Commissioner of Police (Colonel Truter) recommended to the Department of Justice, in accordance with the regulations in such cases, that Quinlan should be retired on half-pay. His daily pay at the time was 8s., plus 1s. 6d. ration allowance; the half-pay pension advised by the Commissioner would, therefore, work out at 4s. 9d. a day. This was considered fair by Quinlan, as on such an amount it would be at least possible for him to provide his wife and two children with the necessities of life, until he found some light employment as a means of augmenting it.

Unfortunately, the Department viewed the Commissioner's recommendation with disfavour, and, after some negotiation and correspondence, Quinlan was offered a pension of 1s. 11d. a day, one-fifth of his ordinary pay!

It is said locally that a much larger sum would have been offered had the constable been a Dutchman.

## "SIN"-EMATOGRAPHS AGAIN!

### PRINCELY PAY FOR PICTURE PLOTS.

The following is given to us as a recipe for becoming a cinematograph author:—

First, think out a plot—a good plot—and build your story round it. You must not depict suicide, murder, robbery, or anything likely to influence wrongly. The story must have great love interest. It must be told in not more than 600 words. "Twenty years after" tales are barred.

It must be in scenario form, such as "Scene 1.—Workhouse." A synopsis of the story must be attached. It is "desirable" that it be typewritten. You will require *numerous* penny stamps and unlimited patience. If you concoct a really good plot you *might* sell it before your stamps are exhausted. If you do you will receive 10s. 6d.—if you are lucky. One firm of producers asked a correspondent to submit detective plays. He sent three; they kept one, and sent 5s., saying, "If this does not suit please return, as *we can get plenty of good plots at this price.*"

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

### DISTANCE LENDS ENCHANTMENT.

[*Brighton is making a new by-law prohibiting spectators from standing on the beach between the ladies' bathing pavilion and the sea, and for a distance of fifty yards on either side.*]

Ye gallants of England, delighting to stand
And gaze on the sweet bathing lasses,
Pray now keep your distances on either hand,
And spy not . . . . except through your glasses!

### A BURNING QUESTION.

[*Mr. Isidore Salmon, who is responsible for the starting by the L.C.C. of a school for waiters, says the boys will go through the "hot plate drill."*]

The eager boys will earn apace,
No stern-set task will stop them;
One lesson is, when plates are hot,
To know just when to drop them.

Ricardo.

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# THE COMING COAL STRIKE.

## HOW THE COLLIERY OWNERS ARE "SAVING THE EMPIRE."

By Norman Tiptaft.

*[Mr. Tiptaft states the case of the miners—from the Socialist point of view. Our columns are equally open to the Capitalist side.]*

"Magna est veritas, et prævalebit"—which, being interpreted into English, means that people tell the truth when it suits them. I don't think the man in the street has realised that fact yet. He may not believe all the superior persons tell him quite as much as he used to, but he still believes most of it. His daily paper—*his* daily paper—not the other fellow's—is reliable. It may, of course, be slightly partisan, but still it is true.

The majority of creeds may be cracked, but the one *he* holds is the original faith, once and for all delivered to the saints. The ordinary, common or garden individual is an incompetent idiot, given to uttering all manner of falsehoods, but the superior person sometimes called the leader of public opinion or the official expert or a hereditary legislator or a millionaire is a being in whom reside all the virtues and graces of which humanity is capable. Funny thing, isn't it—but it *is* so.

### The Difference.

If John Jones, who is a miner putting in his eight hours a day below ground, ventures an opinion on the dangers the collier is subject to, the rotten conditions under which he lives, the miserable inadequacy of his wages—he is a discontented, revolutionary agitator, who ought to be shot down. If Mr. D. A. Thomas, the head of the Cambrian combine, speaks, then he, of course, tells the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

This is such an obvious fact that it will, I am sure, be visible to the meanest intelligence. But in order to absolutely confirm it, I would ask the man in the street to digest carefully the following inspired utterance which Mr. D. A. Thomas delivered at Cardiff

"I would say," said Mr. Thomas, "hands off, busybodies. We are going to manage our own affairs, and we are quite competent to do it. There is complete solidarity among the masters; they have been forced into it. It is a case of touch one, touch all. I do not think it would be advisable even for the Board of Trade to interfere, nor need we expect much hope from the intervention of the Industrial Council. It is not a matter for arbitration, for a question of principle is involved. The Board of Trade officials consider it their duty to bring about a settlement at whatever cost, and they don't care about one party or the other so long as they bring about an immediate settlement; but in this instance the South Wales coal-owners are fighting for the sanctity of an agreement. Not only are they fighting the coal-owners' battle, but a much bigger one. They are fighting for the principle of law and order against anarchy. They are fighting the battle of the trade of the district and protecting the foundations upon which the might and wealth of this great city have been built, and upon which the future progress and prosperity of Cardiff must be based."

You see, my dear ordinary man in the street, there are great probabilities of a coal strike in March. If there should be one, then the price of your coals will advance more rapidly than it is doing now, and though you won't be able to help it, it is only right and proper that you should know the reason. The reason is that the good, kind, philanthropic, Christian coal-owners of South Wales are fighting your battle—don't forget it's *your* battle—for the sanctity of an agreement, for the principles of law and order against anarchy, and for protecting the foundations on which the prosperity of Cardiff—not to mention the Empire in general—is built.

### The Noble Mine Owners.

Don't you think it's noble of them? You see, these South Wales miners—in fact, all miners—are a low-bred, uneducated set of people. They work only eight hours a day—and it's nice, easy, pleasant work. True, sometimes they can't stand upright to do it and have to get the coal in most horribly cramped positions; sometimes they have to stand in water all day—summer and *winter*—and all the time some of them are being killed by falls of earth and other accidents, while there is always the chance of an explosion—there have been rather good ones from an experimental point of view at Whitehaven and Atherton quite recently. They never know when they go down the pit if they will come up alive. But they don't, of course, think of such absurd things.

The houses in which they live are in many cases abominably insanitary and unfit for human habitation. Bath rooms are almost unheard of, and the usual process when they come home from the pit is for them to strip off in the kitchen or in the yard, quite heedless of any beholders, and wash as best they can. They don't object, of course, to all this sort of thing—they *like* being miners—if they didn't they wouldn't be—they are, as you know, quite free to leave any time. The fact is God made them to be miners and specially fitted them to live and work under the conditions they do.

I hope you are quite clear on that point, because it is essential that you should be, if you really want to know the truth about this present disturbance. There is another point, too, on which clear thinking is necessary. Some of the collieries have been paying dividends of 15, 20, 25, and even 33⅓ per cent. to the shareholders, in addition to the royalties they have to pay—sometimes as much as 1s. 6d. per ton—to the owners of the mining rights. Neither the shareholders nor the royalty owners, of course, have anything to do with getting the coal—they simply pocket the profits that these low-bred colliers make for them. That is another beneficent arrangement of Providence—they were born to live in luxury and idleness just the same as the colliers were born to work.

### The Wicked Agitators.

In the ordinary way this arrangement works very well, but unfortunately the peace and harmony have been spoiled by a number of wicked agitators. These men (who ought to be shot) have been setting the colliers against their masters, persuading them to break the sanctity of their agreements, and setting class against class—in Mr. Thomas's words, "forcing the masters" into the attitude they have taken.

It is good to know, therefore, that the masters are united—they are going to teach these revolutionaries a lesson, and they will stand no interference—not even from the Board of Trade, which perhaps, you may know, is an institution towards which you pay a slight contribution for the express purpose of regulating the business affairs of the nation.

Thus are the coal-owners saving the country—your country, you know, although only one in forty of you owns a single yard of it—the rest of you live here simply by kind permission of the small minority who do own it—and protecting the foundations on which its prosperity—and, of course, *your* prosperity—is based.

That, my dear, ordinary man in the street, is the truth about the coal strike—so if you have to pay £3 a ton for your coal; if, finally, you are unable to buy coal at all; if the gas companies can no longer make gas; if the railway companies can no longer deliver goods; if our battleships become floating scrap iron; if the whole industry of the country is stopped—well, you know the reason.

### A Reminder.

By the way, there is just one small item Mr. Thomas forgot to mention—it would seem as if the noble, generous colliery-owners, too, had unaccountably overlooked if—I mean that good Christian maxim, "If a man will not work neither shall he eat."

I don't quite know how they reconcile the high dividends, the big royalties, the vast fortunes and the luxurious ease of the proprietary class with that saying, or the dearth, poverty, squalor and horrible conditions of the men who, at the risk of their lives, get the coal that these others may live delicately. No doubt there is an explanation, and next time Mr. Thomas speaks he will tell us why the miner who does the work is begrudged 8s. a day, while the bloated parasites who sponge on him—the whole of whom are not worth to the country the tenth part of one despised collier—draw their millions of pounds in idleness every year.

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Under the title "Is Home Rule for Ireland a Foregone Conclusion?" *Nash's Magazine* gives the opinions of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Avebury, Sir Edward Grey, the Primate of Ireland, and of nine other distinguished public men. The pros and cons. of this great Political Controversy are argued with such force and logic as to give the reader food for profound thought and speculation. There are twelve other features and stories in the February issue.

# Can you answer these questions?

**Every man engaged in business ought to know the answers to these questions. DO YOU know them all?**

YOU will probably find it quite easy to answer most of these questions, but unless you are a rare and brilliant exception you will find several others a good deal more difficult. Some of them, indeed, may be altogether beyond you.

And yet, you will agree, they are all questions that you might have to answer any day in your own business. So—if only out of curiosity—run through the list and see how many you can answer correctly.

### 20 Specimen Questions.

1. What is the exact purpose of a ledger?
2. What do these signs mean: "E. & O. E.," "F.A.S." & "G.A"?
3. How would you open a branch?
4. What is a consignment note?
5. Do you know how to organise a sale?
6. Do you understand office organisation?
7. What is the difference between sending goods on "consignment" and "on sale or return"?
8. How often by law must a factory be "lime-washed"?
9. How and when is a judgment summons issued?
10. What is the cost of registering a limited company?
11. What is the rule about doubtful debts in assessing income tax?
12. Do you know how to take out a patent?
13. Must a receipt be in writing to be valid?
14. What exactly is a "special settlement"?
15. How and when can you claim for loss of an article sent by registered post?
16. What is the difference between a factor and a broker?
17. How would you draw up a selling scheme?
18. How does a secured creditor in bankruptcy abandon his security?
19. Is a seaside shopkeeper liable for rates in the winter when his shop is shut up?
20. How can you recover debts at court without the expense of a solicitor or collecting agency?

### How Many Did You Answer?

Well, how have you come through this examination in business knowledge? You must not forget that the knowledge of these facts and of many other facts like them is absolutely necessary to you if you mean to succeed. If you are in business for yourself you know how useful you would find it to be able to answer any business problem that arose; if you are working for others you must realise that your employer will value you more highly if he knows he can go to you for information when he needs it.

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## OPEN LETTERS AND POSTCARDS.

### To Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady.

My Lord,—You came to the Bench with a big reputation—and it is generally understood that you are on the list for the next vacancy in the Court of Appeal. Like the late Sir John Rigby, you are what is called a "great equity man"—that is to say, a dry-as-dust lawyer, who looks at everything from the standpoint of the technical letter, as distinguished from the broad spirit of the law. Your veneration for the verbal sanctity of a slipshod section in an Act of Parliament is pathetic, and is equalled only by your idolatrous adoration of that sacrosanct abstraction, the "distinctive number" of a joint stock share.

It appears that a director of a certain company was in the habit of dealing extensively in its shares, of which, at all times, he had from two to three hundred thousand in his possession. Now according to the Act Of Parliament (three capital letters, please, Mr. Printer!) every share must bear a number—just like a hat in a cloak-room; and it appears, further, that in delivering about 150,000 shares out of the two or three hundred thousand which he had bought and paid for, one of the director's clerks or one of the clerks of the company, pinned the wrong ticket to them, giving them some numbers which he had already pencilled on a piece of paper and stuck on some other shares. It was very careless of him, no doubt, and, as you correctly remarked, it was calculated to facilitate fraudulent dealings in the shares—just as, more than once, I have nearly lost my hat through the waiter sticking the wrong number on it. So far, I am with you. But I am altogether bewildered when you go on to declare that because my hat has the wrong number on it, it thereby—*ipso facto*, as you would say—ceases to be my hat, notwithstanding that I had bought and paid for it.

But my legal education has received further improvement from this case. Assuming that because of the wrong ticket my hat automatically becomes the other fellow's, the question naturally arises—what ought I to pay for it? Now, it turned out to be a very cheap hat—one-and-sixpence being its price. It had, in fact, been bought second-hand, having originally cost five shillings when the previous wearer had it. It was one of a big job line, the whole lot having been acquired on the terms of a sealed contract, in consideration of the payment of eighteenpence apiece. In the circumstances, I should have regarded it as hard lines to have to go up to the man whose ticket had been given me and say, "I beg your pardon, sir, but the waiter has stuck your ticket on my hat. Therefore, permit me to hand you not only the ticket, but also the one-and-six you paid for your 'cady.'" But what language should I have thought to myself was appropriate to the occasion if, instead of declining the eighteenpence and inviting me to a drink, he replied, "One-and-six be jiggered—the original price of my hat was five bob, and as you have used the ticket that belonged to it, you must dub up the dollar—or I'll fetch a bobby and charge you with misfeasance."

To change the simile. Suppose my house is No. 12 in the road, and in repainting it the man puts "13" on the door—will your lordship, in the profundity of your learning, tell me, have I stolen, or "misfeased," my neighbour's house? As a matter of fact, I recently bought a house, described as "No. 13, Church Road, Homerton," but when I came to take possession I found that the number had been altered to No. 25. Can I get my money back—and keep the house?

But not yet is my debt of gratitude to your lordship fully acknowledged. Suppose that owing to the confusion caused by the wrong ticket on the hat, or the wrong numbering of the house, both owners enter into a solemn compact, under seal, that neither of them shall have any claim of any kind against the other in respect of the hats, or houses, or any other matter whatsoever? As a layman, I should have thought that would have put an end to any dispute, but your lordship has taught me differently. It appears that the Mutual Release, as the lawyers call it, is not effective, even though in express terms it mentions "hats" and "houses"—it must set out specifically the full details about the wrong ticket—in other words, the exact "distinctive number"! Oh, for a Business—Bench!

John Bull.

### To Dr. Parey Cust, Dean of York.

Dear Dean,—Following what I recently said on the subject of Mr. McKenna's proposed Immoral Literature Bill, I am naturally glad that one occupying in the Church so high a position as you do should take an equally broad view of the matter. One does not generally look to Church leaders for declarations in favour either of liberty or tolerance in such matters. In certain Roman Catholic dioceses of Ireland, for instance, I find that through the agency of what are called Vigilance Societies, a campaign of boycott is being carried on against books and newspapers which these societies are pleased to stigmatise in their *Index Expurgatorius* as "immoral and irreligious literature." I have before me a leaflet headed "Crusade Against Immoral Literature," being an extract from the "Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Dublin, 1911," and signed "William, Archbishop of Dublin, Primate of Ireland." When I tell you, Very Rev. Sir, that the publications thus denounced and boycotted are ordinary newspapers and periodicals, whose only real offence in most cases is that they either circulate on Sundays, or that they are more or less active and fearless critics of the Church in its relation to certain public questions of law and ethics you will, I am sure, agree with me that it is a scandalous thing to denounce their readers as "unfit to be admitted to the Sacraments." I can foresee that the Bill which Mr. McKenna proposes to introduce may do a deeper hurt to the English people, and it must be met with the most uncompromising opposition.

We shall be having people prosecuted for selling Shakespeare's "Venus and Adonis" and Thomas Hardy's "Tess," and, perhaps, even selling the Bible and Bobby Burns!

I noticed that several of the deputation to Mr. McKenna were publishers; but if it is contended that they must have a more drastic police control over printed matter because what they themselves suppress others publish, and that they thereby suffer in trade, the answer is that if they cannot sacrifice their trade to their morals they are out of court as the veriest commercial humbugs. I do not mind, Mr. Dean, how drastic are the powers of the police in dealing with obvious literary filth dumped into this country from abroad or bearing the nauseous reek of our native cesspools, but it is certainly most essential to all lovers of freedom for the printed word to prevent the passing of any Bill which sets up as the judge of morals in literature the prying policeman or the prejudiced Puritan.

John Bull.

### To Canon Curtis, Chairman of Wandsworth Board of Guardians

Dear Canon,—Surely it cannot be necessary for your Board to make themselves so ridiculous in order to make themselves impressive. As I gather, there has been a rather serious rumpus at the workhouse on account of the monotony of the diet, and a petition has been received from the inmates requesting the Board to change it. Your answer is that the Guardians "are in sympathy with a change, but because of the rumpus they think it should be adjourned for three months." Do not be so absurd. Having acknowledged the grievance, why prolong the dissatisfaction? The Guardians are acting like petulant children rather than like commonsensed men. Let them apply the case to themselves. If they were in disagreement with their food to-day, would it much comfort them to be told they could not have a change of diet until three months from to-morrow? I think not.

John Bull.

### To the Vicar, Llanynys, Wales.

Dear and Rev. Brother,—Perceiving from one of the Denbigh papers that an "enjoyable entertainment at threepence and sixpence per seat was recently held at the vicarage lodge," and that "the behaviour of the audience was most satisfactory throughout." I take this, the first opportunity of congratulating you on the fact that you did not charge tuppence, for in that case the behaviour might have been shocking. Still, it was a risky thing to have even threepenny and sixpenny people at the vicarage lodge, wasn't it?

John Bull.

# THE POWER BEHIND THE THRONE.

**KING GEORGE: "There are anxious times ahead, no doubt; but I've got a good man behind me."**

# JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

By "Verax."

The revenue collections prevent any really easy monetary position, but gold continues to reach the Bank of England from the Cape, and a reduction in the Bank Rate to 3½ per cent. may be expected this or next week. Mr. Lloyd George has disappointed the City with his remarks on Consols, as some definite proposal had been looked for, such as a sinking fund of four millions per annum for the once premier security alone, or, as one of the Bank chairmen suggested at his meeting of shareholders, immunity from income tax. However, the Chancellor promises to take proposals into consideration, which is rather vague. The outlook in international politics is improving, and it seems probable that business on the Stock Exchange will revive shortly. Home Rails have improved all round, on hopes of a settlement of the threatened strike of miners, but the severe weather is not a Bull point. Yankees are passing through the usual see-saw movements, but with a downward tendency.

Miscellaneous Specialities all the Rage—Duff Developments the Latest Tip.

Miscellaneous specialities are still all the rage, and, for instance, despite all the efforts of the Bears, *Marconis* now stand at over 86s., thanks to the widespread belief that the arrangement with the Post Office will make these shares worth anything from £5 upwards. Curiously enough, however, *Canadian Marconis* can still be bought at a small discount. *General Omnibus*, despite occasional setbacks, have always come up smiling again, and it now looks as if the amalgamation with the Tubes will go through with flying colours. The latest tip is *Duff Developments* at about 18s., but which are said to be going higher. This will depend upon whether the rumoured arrangement by which the Malay Government will pay the Company £350,000 for its sovereign rights will go through. In that case the Company would be able to pay off its debenture debt, amounting to £250,000, and still have about £100,000 for working capital. *West India and Panama* have sobered down to something under 5, but the shares are so well held that there is little doubt that something important is in the wind. The great demand for Van Den Berghs ordinary shares at 47s. 6d.-48s. continues, which is not surprising in view of the further rise in dairy produce which must spell even larger profits for the company, and an increase upon the previous dividend of 17½ per cent. They manufacture and distribute, as the chairman stated at the last meeting, a large number of articles of vital necessity to millions of people in different countries. The directors' report is expected towards the end of March. I have noticed of late a steady hardening in the price of *Lyons*, which are now 6⅛. At the same time, there have been fairly large dealings in *Aerated Breads*, *Slaters*, and *Spiers and Pond*, which leads me to believe that endeavours are being made to come to some sort of agreement for reducing the competition in the catering business. I wonder if I will prove to be right?

Oil Shares Active and Advancing—A Favourable Outlook for Red Sea Oilfields.

Oil shares continue a strong market, and although at one time *Shell Transport*, owing to a failure in Paris, relapsed to 83s. 6d., they have since rallied to 87s. There are rumours of impending important developments in connection with the *Egyptian Oilfields*. *Egyptian Oil Trust* at one time rose to 4, which is the price I had been predicting for it, and finally settled down at 3⅞, but it appears that it will be the turn of *Red Sea Oilfields* shares now for a sharp rise. When it is considered that these shares stood at about £2 before the Moroccan crisis some months ago, when far less was known of the oilfield's future, they look particularly cheap at their present price of 1⅛. Both companies are now being worked and developed under the management of the Royal-Dutch-Shell combine, and the position on the shores of the Red Sea is unique. A cable from the Boryslaw states with regard to the *Premier Oil and Pipe Line* that there have been several outbreaks of oil at Well No. 2, Maria Theresa, and that a good production of oil is expected. "Haspelling" of the well Mina has been commenced at a depth of 1,160 metres, the production being 15 tons daily. This is in a district in which the company has very large interests, and it indicates very important developments, which should put *Premier Oil and Pipe Line* shares very much above the present price of 19s. Wednesday's meeting of shareholders of the *Black Sea Oilfields* went off very satisfactorily, the shareholders being evidently in a very hopeful mood, and when it is considered that, according to Mr. George Tweedy's statement, this company, in addition to having paid 7 per cent. dividend on the Prefs., is making a net profit at the rate of £120,000 a year, it is surprising that the price should not have risen yet above 1 1-16. The following is an extract from the statements at the meeting:—

The Chairman, Mr. J. S. Harmwood Banner, M.P., stated, *inter alia*, that the production from July to December last was 32,773 tons, while it was now steadily increasing. They had in the Shirvanskaya district nine actually producing wells and seven others nearing completion, in the Khadijinskaya district four, in the Neftiansya district two wells. Mr. George Tweedy drew attention to the fact that the production is steadily increasing, and that the price of oil has advanced from 15 copecks to 24 copecks per pood net. Their geographical position gave them a market in Russia for 40 to 60 million poods per annum, in which Baku and Grosny could not compete as their own quality was so much better. The pipe line was making net profits now at the rate of £52,000 a year.

*Maikop Victory* are now in a similar position, having paid a dividend of 10 per cent., while the output is steadily increasing again. The price has advanced to "par." Now that the management of the *Maikop Premier* property has been taken over by the same group (Anglo-Maikop), this company, too, should soon be brought up to producing point. *Mexican Eagles* have again been a firm market at 34s. 9d.

Rubber Movement Spoiled by Liquidation—Brighter Times Ahead—Tirucalli Developments.

For the time being the upward movement in Rubber shares has been spoiled by an outburst of liquidation from the Middle East, which has also caused some selling from the North, chiefly Glasgow. Prices of *Linggis* at 36s. 3d., *Pallambrosa* at 25s. 3d., *Anglo-Malay* at 17s., *Highlands* at 4⅛, etc., are low and tempting, however, and forward sales on a large scale are still being effected, while the experience of the *Anglo-Malay*, for instance, shows the wisdom of such sales, this company's output for 1911 amounting to nearly 772,107 lbs., of which 536,918 lbs. have been disposed of at an average gross price of 5s. 5.46d. per lb. Moreover, a forward contract has already been entered into by another company for 1913 at a very remunerative price, showing that next year is not expected to witness any material fall in the price of rubber. A circular has been issued by the secretary of the Tirucalli Rubber Concessions, Ltd., which fully confirms what I stated already some time ago about the remarkable developments of this undertaking. The directors now consider that a much larger force of labour can be profitably employed, and that it is also advisable to exercise options over other forest areas, thus securing control of the Natal production. A new company is being formed with a capital of £500,000, in which the Prefs. in the original syndicate, which are now quoted 1⅛, will receive one 5s. preference share and 6 2-5 ordinary shares of 5s. each fully paid. This should, in view of the great increase of the production thus assured, make the existing prefs. worth a good deal more.

Kaffirs Firming Up—Rhodesians Stronger.

As I anticipated, a much stronger tone has made itself felt after the Paris settlement, and even the several failures which have occurred in the French capital have not affected the Kaffir Circus to any extent. On the contrary, prices are distinctly better. For one thing, the large dividends for the second half of 1911 are now being paid, and private advices from the Rand are much more hopeful on the native labour position, which is expected to improve very considerably during the next few months, owing to the destruction of crops by the drought in certain districts. A larger number of natives will, therefore, seek work on the Rand. The firmer tone of Kaffirs has also caused Rhodesians to harden up, and now that the amalgamation of the Rhodesia Development with the Goldfields' interests has been fully authorised, the new company will come into existence, and the new shares will improve. In the meantime there are very favourable advices from the Shamva, Cam and Motor, Falcon, and Lonely Reef mines. Barriers are rather firmer, but copper shares are fluctuating. Diamond shares have been steadier again, and De Beers Deferred are quoted about 19⅛, Premier 9⅞. The diamond industry is very flourishing, and the Diamond Syndicate has of late placed large quantities of stones, while the demand for the United States continues. Diamond Proprietary Mines have been in better demand up to 6s. 6d. This is a nice little spec. The property is producing diamonds, and if perchance a big diamond were found the price would jump. Northern Ontario Exploration have, strangely enough, remained at about ⅞, although Canadian despatches are to the effect that at No. 1 camp a body of quartz 5 feet wide has been struck at the 150 ft. level, while at the 100 ft. level the vein is a foot wide, carrying about an oz. of gold to the ton. Bewick

Moreing interests are also said to be in treaty for the McIntyre Mine at Pearl Lake, which is owned by a local company having a capital of three million dollars in five dollar shares. $10 per share is asked.

COLOMBIA TO THE FRONT.

There are growing indications that the Republic of Colombia is making good progress commercially, nor is it a secret that this country teems with mineral riches. One of the straws which show which way the wind blows is the more favourable news from the *Cartagena (Colombia) Waterworks*, which are doing much better, not only in connection with the numerous houses which they are adding to their clientele, but also owing to the larger sales to steamers, and it is anticipated that, when the Panama Canal is opened, these sales and general business will largely increase. Working expenses, too, are being reduced, and the present price of the £1 shares is now 11s. 3d., ex. the dividend of 2 per cent. (at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum) which has been paid for the six months. The opening of the Panama Canal will undoubtedly bring Colombia very much to the front, and enhance the value of properties already owned by the existing companies. The £1 shares of the *Colombian Mining and Exploration Company, Limited*, have come into demand at 15s. This company owns a Government lease over some 900 square miles, and most important developments are taking place; at the moment work is confined to the Marmato Hill, where a number of adits are being driven. Some 11,000 tons has already been treated, and is yielding 10 dwts., while development is proceeding so rapidly that arrangements have now been made to send out a 40-stamp battery. By the time this arrives and is at work, development should be quite three years ahead of the mill. The total working costs are under 20s. per ton, which shows a profit of one pound per ton. There is every reason to anticipate that millions of tons are waiting to be won from this one mine. There are some ten other mines already opened up, and as first one is thoroughly developed, and then another, so they will be floated off. The power is obtained on the spot for running the mills by water at a practically insignificant cost, whilst skilled labour costs only 1s. 6d. a day. For a number of years to come work will be by adit. The present company is strongly backed by well-known people, and the engineer at the head of it is Mr. Arthur Wilkinson, who has reported on all the large goldfields of the world. The Company will issue its report almost immediately.

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PREMIER OMNIBUS.—A. J. (Birmingham).—We understand the company has gone fairly well, and will commence business without delay.

MOUNT MARGARET.—BULLITE.—This concern is no longer in existence, and the shares are, therefore, valueless

STANDARD OIL OF MEXICO.—E. P.—The position was dealt with in my article of a fortnight ago. The prospects are good

HOUSE PROPERTY PURCHASE.—H. G. S.—I think you would find the system of this company and their drawings of bonds very disappointing.

THOMAS KINGSTON AND CO., LTD.—E. B.—I should not advise investment in this company; there is plenty of competition.

INVESTMENTS.—R. H. I.—The best stocks on your list are Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8, but it is impossible to forecast the course of Consols for the present, especially in view of the experiments in national finance which are being made by the Government. Nos. 5, 6, and 7 occupy the second rank, but are also good holdings of their kind In any case, there is no need to incur considerable losses in a hurry, as there is a fair prospect of improvement, perhaps as soon as money becomes cheaper

AUSTRALIAN BANK.—N. C. J.—I cannot find out now who were the directors in 1877, but I can tell you that the bank suspended payment in April, 1893, and was immediately reorganised again. A fresh reorganisation took place in 1896, and as much as £9 10s. per share was written off in 1897 and 1902. In 1896 the entire block of old assets was transferred to the Special Assets Trust Company, Limited. I am afraid that the holding of shares in question is now of very little value, but you might make enquiries from the secretary, either at the head office in Melbourne, or in London at 1, Bishopsgate, E.C.

YANKEE MINE.—Miss M. T.—I look upon most of these Yankee mining promotions with suspicion, and especially so in the case of such a concern as that mentioned, which is being pushed in a hole-and-corner fashion, and for which there is no market here. Leave the shares severely alone.

NORTH-WESTERN.—M. P.—This charge is correct, but in future you should make your purchases direct from a member of the Stock Exchange. You will be entitled to the half-yearly dividend to be declared on February 7th.

OBSCURE JUNGLE CO.—X. Y. Z.—West Africans at present are, in any case, not flourishing, and I should certainly not advise investment in Gold Coast Consolidated Lands, for which, moreover, there is no free market.

PROVINCIAL CONCERNS.—G. U. V.—(1) You had better make your enquiries locally, but the Company does not appeal to me as a promising investment. (2) I prefer the stocks of the well-known shipping companies, and which are regularly quoted.

GOLD COAST CONSOLIDATED.—SOLDIER.—See reply to "X. Y. Z." Do not throw more good money after bad. C. W. L.; W. W. (Leicester).—See replies to "X. Y. Z." and "Soldier."

ALBONTIAKOON.—ENQUIRER 69.—I believe this property has prospects, but the jungle market is at present in such a dead-alive condition that you can employ your money to greater advantage in other sections of the mining department.

CALEDONIAN DEFERRED No. 1.—KILLALOE.—(1) The value of the stock is only 25s. per £100 stock—total £2 10s. (2) Yes, if you think it worth while

GUERNSEY.—PONDON.—Apply to the secretary at the offices, 28, Victoria Street, S.W., as to the present position, and also as to whether the negotiations with the States of Guernsey for a new concession have proved successful.

BENEFIT SOCIETY.—NEWPORT.—If the corporation were located in this city I could easily give you information about it, but I really cannot do so about a concern located in a small place in Lancashire. In any case, before putting money in you should certainly obtain a balance sheet, and if you send me this I will give you my opinion.

BONDS, ETC.—W. S. B.—You certainly have not selected the best bonds for your purpose. Why did you not write for my opinion first? You should leave the other proposition alone The documents are returned.

THREE INVESTMENTS.—ALSA.—(1) A promising holding, but Mexican Southern can hardly be called absolutely safe. This term applies only to the highest class of Government and kindred securities (2) A satisfactory holding to a moderate extent (3) West Australian bonds are quite a good investment, of the best class.

CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKE.—PERPLEXED ONE.—No, I cannot help you with regard to these tickets. It is impossible now to buy them.

ELECTRIC THEATER COMPANY.—W. T. Y.—It is a great pity that you have not applied for the shares which were due to you, as you have legally lost your right, but you might, by employing a solicitor, be able to get some satisfaction. The documents are returned.

£300 BOND.—E. G. I. (Birmingham).—I quite agree with you that these ballots are most tiresome, but your relatives must have gone into it with their eyes open. You are really in the hands of the Society. You cannot, of course, expect anything like the full amount yet, but by seeing them you would probably be able to get somewhat better terms than those offered.

## INSURANCE REPLIES.

ENDOWMENT POLICY.—E. W. S. W.—Why not a home company, such as the Sun Life, Royal, North British and Mercantile, or Scottish Widows? Write for terms and make your selection.

BRITISH WIDOWS.—A. S. J.—Why not have arbitration, which need not be public? It is specially provided for in the policy.

NATIONAL BENEFIT TRUST.—J A. S.—A building society proper would be preferable.

LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND GLASGOW.—H. W. B.—Try to get the assurance that the claim will be paid at death direct from the Company. It is useless to rely on the agent. TURK.—You must tell me what relation the insured is to you, the proposer.

ROYAL LIVER.—J. E. L.—As the Society will pay at death you need not trouble, although it would be preferable to tell your father, so that the matter can be regularised. A. W. (Sheffield).—Continue to pay the premium. If you apply to the office you will no doubt receive a written assurance that they will pay at death

PEARL LIFE ASSURANCE CO.—M. S. (Lisburn).—It is very unfortunate that the wrong age was given, but if you have kept up your payments, state your case in a letter to the Company. T. S. E. (Gateshead).—Ask the Company if they will rectify the third policy. STRANDED.—The surrender value is much too small. Better continue payments, especially as insured is 80.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE.—H. T. J (Chelston).—It is a pity that the payment of premiums was discontinued before having communicated with the Company, but you might still do so ANNIE.—You had an insurable interest in your father's life.

LONDON AND MANCHESTER ASSURANCE.—E. C. (Wandsworth).—Pay your premium and write to the Company to give you an assurance that they will pay at death. H. M. (Exeter).—Pay your premiums, as the Company will pay at death, but preserve the letters. LOIS (Leeds).—You could only get the surrender value, so had better go on with the premiums.

ROYAL LONDON FRIENDLY.—DEAF.—(a) I think so. (b) Preferably separate. (c) The Society might keep you waiting for both.

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE.—HEXIA.—The Company is safe enough, but a building society would be preferable.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA LEGAL.—A W. S.—You have doubtless an insurable interest. Write to the Society for a statement that they will pay at death.

UNITED PROVIDENT AND WESLEYAN AND GENERAL.—F. E. W.—Write to the Company. The matter is easily rectified

QUINQUENNIAL BONUS.—PEKIN.—No, you cannot demand the payment until it it formally declared

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO.—J L.—(1) If the proposal was forged, the premiums are recoverable. (2) The Britannic policy is in order. W. H. (Southampton).—Sue in the County Court, and prove the facts. S. W. F. (Leicester).—Get the Company at the head office to agree to pay you. J. P. EDINBURGH (Cork).—Yes, and fight the case. TOM THUMB (Mile End).—I cannot advise proceedings unless you can prove fraud M. A F (Liverpool).—I do not advise proceedings. NEMO (Croydon).—I think you have no claim. C. S. (Dunfermline).—It is a hard case, without remedy Apply for a surrender value and cut the loss. C. S. (Market Harboro).—If the proposals were not signed by the assured, the premiums are recoverable F. R (Exeter) —You can recover. Consult a good local solicitor. WIDOW (Mile End).—The policy is quite legal. M. B. (Methil).—I fear you have no remedy J. C. (Bradford).—Ditto. J. H. M. (Douglas, I.M.).—Get the Company to properly endorse the policy in your favour. T. B. (New Southgate) —The policies are legal, but very thriftless. H. D. (Pontypridd).—If the assured did not sign, you can recover. H. C. (Little Berkhamstead).—The policies seem legal. I do not advise proceedings. D. E. S. (Rochdale).—Ditto. E. R. H. (Kidderminster).—I am unable to advise without details of the policies E M. (Southwark). The policies are legal. C. J. E. (Sheffield).—You can recover the premiums. TWO POLICIES (Birkenhead Littleton).—If the facts are as you state them the policies are illegal, and you could recover the premiums. W. E. (Bournemouth).—You can recover if your father did not sign. Send fuller particulars.

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## IMAGINARY INTERVIEWS.

By WALTER MOORE.

### SIR HERBERT BEERBOHM TREE.

[*In this column our contributor, Mr. Walter Moore, has an imaginary interview with some celebrity of the day.*]

Sir Herbert was trying the effect of a new grease-paint when I entered his dressing-room.

"Ha! Sir Herbert!" I cried, striking an attitude and my funny bone at one and the same time; "an emissary of JOHN BULL I, intruding thus upon thy privacy. These my instructions are: On you to call, and ask you how you like the music hall."

"Ha, *ha!*" boomed the great actor, rising, turning, and disclosing one painted cheek, upon which he was experimenting. "Mislike me not for my complexion. It hath been s'ave to thousands. But let that pass. Your question is, How I the music hall do like? Sir, it likes me well."

"Yes, yes; I know *that*," I said testily. "But how do *you* like it?"

"Must I then speak dreary prose to fit thy fustian understanding?" demanded Sir Herbert.

"Yes, discard the frillings for the nonce," I replied. "Let's have plain beefy English, without horse radish, if you don't mind. How do you like working the halls?"

"Working the halls!" repeated Sir Herbert indignantly. "You speak as if I were a—a *turn*. Know you not it was an act of condescension on my part to display my transcendant histrionic genius before an audience of music-hall patrons?"

"I suppose you were paid for it?" I said.

"*Paid* for it?" shouted Sir Herbert, switching on his Svengali glare. "Paid for it? True, I accepted some slight recompense, a trifling honorarium; I am not dissatisfied. It was an amusing interlude between my serious labours."

"What's your next serious labour to be?" I asked.

"Othello," replied Sir Herbert, in a hollow voice.

"And I suppose, at the end of the run, when your occupation's gone, so to speak, you will return to the halls?"

Sir Herbert made no reply.

"I daresay Moss would be glad to make a contract with you, wouldn't he?" I said. "He's a champion at getting hold of novelties."

"Novelties!" repeated Sir Herbert incoherently.

"Yes; performing seals, geese, monkey-cyclists, and all that sort of talent," I explained kindly. "I can imagine how you might be billed effectively:—

Sir Herbert
TREE
In an entirely new Sketch
entitled
TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.

Do you twig?"

Speechless with indignation, Sir Herbert pointed to the door.

"Do you feel a draught?" I asked with solicitude.

Sir Herbert rang the bell violently.

"You are very kind," I said. "I really don't mind if I do. Scotch, for choice."

An attendant appeared.

"Show this man out," howled Sir Herbert.

"Thanks," I said appreciatively. "These passages are rather confusing to a stranger."

"After you," I murmured to the attendant.

Excitable, touchy chaps, these actors.

## A PATHETIC APPEAL FOR A MISSING SON.

### HUNT FOR A 14-YEAR-OLD BOY.

A distracted mother makes an appeal to us to help her to find her son. The circumstances are surrounded in mystery, and give ample scope for some budding Sherlock Holmes. On July 6th last her boy, Leonard Portway, left home for school. He is 14 years of age, 4 ft. 10 ins. high, hair dark, eyes dark brown and very full, with dark eyebrows and eyelashes, complexion sallow, ears large and protruding. The lad was extremely bright and full of life, a good scholar, and played the piano well. As he did not return in the evening the mother reported him to the police as missing, and also made every possible enquiry. Strange as it may seem, the notification of the missing boy was not published in the *Police Gazette* until September 1st.

On August 28th the nude body of a boy about 15 or 16 years of age was found on the beach at Fleetwood, and was buried by the authorities without being identified. Mrs. Portway thinks this might have been her son. What *we* want to know is: *Why was she not notified of this death by the police, and sent for to identify the body?* As a matter of fact, she only learned of the burial of this unknown body in a casual way some weeks after. In November last she made her case known to the editors of most of the London newspapers, and they assisted her by publishing the facts.

In reply to those different appeals the poor woman has received scores of letters giving likely clues, and in some cases boys have been retained for identification. Mother-like, she has travelled far whenever there was a possibility of finding her lost son, but all to no purpose. As a last hope she comes to us. There is, of course, a possibility that her son may have been thirsting for an adventurous life, and worked his way abroad. Should this be so, and this appeal meets his eye, we ask him to relieve his broken-hearted mother's suspense without delay.

The address of the mother is—Mrs. Portway, Newsagent, Algernon Road, Hendon.


# THE LUCKY TIGER GOLD MINE.

### GREAT INCREASE OF PROFITS FOR DECEMBER.

The policy of the Board of the Lucky Tiger Combination Gold Mining Company, in increasing the crushing plant from 100 tons per day capacity to 250 tons per day, has already produced substantial results, and has had a considerable effect on the London Stock Exchange, where the shares are now being freely dealt in.

The Mine is situated in the State of Sonora, Mexico, and comprises five gold-bearing claims of an area of 587 acres together with 55,718 acres of timber and grazing lands. Upwards of 1,000 men are employed, and the buildings and plant are of an extensive character, including a complete telephone system of some 80 miles, electric power installation and other improvements.

#### PROFITS EARNED.

The actual net profits of the Mine, after deduction of all development and other charges, have for some time past, averaged about £9,000 a month, out of which monthly dividends of ½ per cent. (6 per cent. per annum) have been paid regularly.

For the month of December these net profits have already risen to over £13,000, and as the new plant was only completed about August last, and can hardly have yet reached its full efficiency, these figures will no doubt be greatly improved on in the near future.

#### INCREASED DIVIDENDS.

No official announcement of an increase of dividend has yet been made, but it is obvious that the great increase in the net profits will now permit of this, and an intimation that the rate of dividend has been raised to 9 per cent. or 10 per cent. is expected almost immediately.

#### THE NEW PLANT.

In addition to increasing the crushing plant from 100 to 250 tons per day capacity, the Board have also installed a concentrator to handle 100 tons per day and cyanide plant with a capacity of 250 tons per day to treat the 100,000 tons of tailings which have accumulated and are estimated to yield 40s. per ton. This should therefore add still further to the future profits of the Company.

#### ORE RESERVES.

The Mine is reported to be developing in the lower levels in the most satisfactory manner, and several large bodies of still richer ore have recently been discovered; but apart from this it is calculated that the ore reserves already in sight are sufficient without further development, to occupy the whole of the increased plant for the next five years.

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## SPURIOUS SYMPOSIUMS.

### THE IDEAL WOMAN.

[*It is our custom to hold a weekly—imaginary—symposium upon some topic of the hour, giving the views of representative men.*]

"*What is your ideal type of woman?*" is the question we have asked our circle of obliging celebrities this week. They have risen nobly to the occasion, as will be seen—letting themselves go with greater freedom than usual. We appreciate the difficulties which beset some of our married correspondents, who were anxious to give an honest answer to our enquiry, but with very few exceptions they have defied domestic storms and said exactly what they think. We commend their courage.

The PRIME MINISTER writes:—

My ideal type of woman is the gentle, clinging, domesticated sort, known to this strenuous and feministic age as the Victorian type. I am no hand at description, but the kind of woman my mind delights to dwell upon has soulful eyes, trustful, yet timid; her lips are softly curved, without a hint of the harsh, determined lines that disfigure the faces of so many of our modern Amazons; her figure may be anything within reason—willowy, slender, statuesque, or plump—so long as it conveys no suggestion of athleticism. Her mental attributes lie along the line of purely feminine interests. She knows nothing of, and takes no interest in, politics. She delights in art, music, painting, the needle, and the play. She does not demand the vote. She is content sometimes to sit by the fireside stitching, and listening to the words of wisdom that flow from the lips of her husband, who sits smoking on the other side of the hearth. Above all, as I fancy I said before, she does not clamour for the vote. I am afraid I have taken up a good deal of your space, but this is a question on which I feel deeply. In case I omitted to mention it, my ideal woman does not ask for the vote.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE demands an interesting combination of characteristics. He says:—

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Mr. HALL CAINE appears to have been reading some of his own books. Says he:—

My ideal woman is tall and well-developed, yet svelt. Her rounded form suggests the luxurious lines of the perfect peach. She is dark, with rich, hot blood mantling her olive cheeks, and has a wealth of red-gold or glossy raven hair—I am not particular which. Her intellectual qualities do not trouble me, so long as she has the capacity *to feel*. She must be all emotion. She must be capable of loving to the *n*th degree. Preferably, she has southern or Manx blood in her veins, and is able, in consequence, to reckon the world well lost for love.

We regret that we have no more space to spare for this interesting symposium, in consequence of our correspondents writing at unusual length.

### CLEANLINESS BEFORE GODLINESS.

We have never been impressed with the value of workhouse chaplains, and from the statement of one of them, attached to the Bristol district, our faith is not increased. Instead of conducting regular services, our rev. friend "had religious talks with tramp inmates." His ministrations were so little appreciated, however, that "some concealed themselves in straw," whilst others were so desperate that they "tried to escape into the bath-room!" And when a tramp does that he is desperate indeed!


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# BLIZZARD WEATHER.

## SERIOUS DISORDERS WHICH IT BROUGHT.

The recent "good old-fashioned winter" weather brought with it the good old-fashioned illnesses. Although there has been reported no such widespread epidemic of influenza as we have had the last few years, the sudden changes in climate, however, have brought with them violent seizures of neuralgia and the regular run of coughs, colds, and bronchitis.

As every one knows, "catching cold" goes hand-in-hand with coughs and bronchitis, and is one of the chief causes of neuralgia.

A distinguished doctor gives as the causes of neuralgia, "Catching cold. Rheumatism, Gout, Anæmia," and adds, "Neuropathic Constitution, Hereditary Influence, Debility, Weakened Nervous System," with the remark that "women are more affected than men," and warns against treating as simple "neuralgia" a pain which may be due to the "irritation of the nerves of the face, as from a decayed tooth." (In such cases as this last one—far more prevalent than the public realises—the only thing to do is to consult a dentist.)

In all but the last of the above the contributory causes are themselves practically *illnesses*. In every instance the *root* disorder is admittedly the blood or the nerves, or both.

The blood supply must be able to fight off chills and germs, then colds, coughs, bronchitis—and perhaps pneumonia and consumption—would be impossible. Also the blood must so nourish the nerve centres that the depression and debility attendant upon illnesses (and *themselves illnesses*) are impossible.

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AFTER INFLUENZA AND OPERATIONS.

"I advise Hall's Wine in debilitated conditions generally, particularly in post influenza, and convalescence after surgical operations. Besides arousing vitality, it has a sustaining value I do not find in any other similar preparation."
(Interview W. 367—28th Aug., 1911.)

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## ANTICIPATED EPITAPHS.

By W. M.

*[In this column we give from week to week an anticipatory —always good-humoured—Epitaph of some celebrity of the day. We need scarcely say we hope it will be many years before his relatives will have to consider seriously our suggestion.]*

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And
Kynge of Prufsia.
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Anno Domini 1859,
Hys imperious difpoficion was soone
Made manifefte,
And by ye tyme hee came to ye throne
Of hys fathers
Anno Domini 1888,
Hee hadde ackuired all ye characterifticks
Of
An Autocratt.
Chafynge atte ye leafte semblance of reftraynt,
He lofte no tyme in difmifsynge
BISMARCK,
Ye manne to whoom hee owed mofte,
Therebye declaryng hys intencion
To rule hys subjeckts
Wythe abfolute swaye.
Havynge dragooned hys people
Intoe a state of abjeckt servitude,
Wythholdynge political power from them
To thatte ende,
And havynge increafed hys armie to
Giganticke proporçions,
Hee fanned ye flame of enmitie agaynft Britain
Thatte burned in hys breaft,
And tryed on more than one occaçion
To humiliate ye naçion
Whofe blood and treafure alone saved Europe
From ye iron heel of
NAPOLEON.
Thus
Durynge ye South Africkan Warre
Hee sente a sympathetick telegramme to
KRUGER;
Butte ye wave of indignaçione thatte swept
Acrofs Great Britain atte ye newes
Caufed hym to climbe downe
And give a lame explanaçion of
Hys acktion.
Checked in hys desynge,
Hee next sette aboute buildynge
A greate navee,
Wyth ye idea of one fine day overwhelmynge
Ye Britifh Fleet.
Butte,
Findynge itt diffickult to catch uppe,
Hee shooke hys mailed fyst
In impotente rage
And declared
Thatte
Unlefs Germany hadde her place
In ye sunne
Hee would know ye reafon why.
Thereupon,
Hee bargayned wyth France for a bitte of Morocco
Where ye sunne shynes all ye tyme,
And dyed.

Here lyes—and if ye weepe 'twere well to cease—
Ye enemie of European peace.


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*(Theatrical World.)*

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## THE DRAMA OF TO-DAY.

By M. Clement Scott.

### "THE BLINDNESS OF VIRTUE."

Mr. Cosmo Hamilton has again raised the oft-asked question, "Should mothers tell their daughters what womanhood means or not?" Ought girls to be prepared?

Mr. Hamilton, in "The Blindness of Virtue," shows us two girls, both pretty, both innocent, both as harmless as doves. The one is born of lowly parentage, the other is the child of a vicar and his wife. The village maiden is tempted away from her home, she returns to her mother with the burden of her shame. The vicar is horrified, and after a painful interview with the dishonoured girl, he makes up his mind that either he or Mrs. Pemberton must warn their own daughter Effie. This is particularly essential now, for at this precise period the Hon. Archibald Graham is staying at the vicarage, "cramming" with the parson. Unlike the Pinero play, however, Cosmo Hamilton introduces risky scenes into his comedy which, although they have been passed by the Lord Chamberlain, might well be commented upon. Mind, I don't say they are untruthful to nature, but at moments you begin thinking whether it would not be advisable to lower the curtain. Perhaps this is exactly where the success of "The Blindness of Virtue" is going to be made, for we all eagerly seek for new sensations, and at the Little Theatre I can promise you more than one. To see Miss Margery Maude in a pink beribboned "nightie" with a loose drapery thrown round her, jumping about on a handsome fellow's bed, discussing his night's adventures, is perhaps in itself sufficient attraction. But when the fluffy-haired innocent of nineteen throws herself into the arms of the Oxford undergraduate and declares her love for him, you start wondering as to what might have happened if Archibald had not passed the night in town and been tired out, or the vicar had not rushed in at the opportune moment and stopped Effie's effusiveness. As Marie Lloyd used to sing, "It's a little bit hot; what, what, what, what?" The freshness and charm of sweet Margery Maude absolutely save a most difficult situation, and the ease and proportionate boyishness of Mr. Owen Nares carry a very daring play into safe harbour. Mr. Charles Kenyon and Miss Beryl Faber act admirably as the vicar and his wife. Miss Pollie Emery couldn't be improved upon as "Cookie," the maid of all work. The Little Theatre is in for another long run, if I mistake not, for "The Blindness of Virtue" is the most interesting study Mr. Cosmo Hamilton has as yet given us.

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**[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]**

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W. W. (Scotland), who writes complaining of post-office methods, tells us he is a parson up in the frozen north. He has our sympathy. He subscribes himself "Yours till prison walls part us." What has he been up to the noo?

"AN OLD READER" (Watford) wants to know what a certain firm of butchers at Watford feed their pigs on. We will take an early opportunity of running down to see.

"RUBY" (Brockley).—Bless your bright eyes! What sight you must have to be able to read the date on our announcement regarding *Mrs. Bull* on the cover of our issue of January 20th.

M. C. (Dublin) says he sent 7s. to H. J. Gasson, of Rye, Sussex, for a pair of Army shirts. When the garments arrived they proved to be cheap, grey cotton shirts roughly finished, and scarcely worth eighteenpence apiece. Territorial Army shirts, maybe. M. C. returned them forthwith and demanded his money back. But H. J. Gasson is reluctant to refund. M. C. is naturally shirty about it.

"CANNIBAL CHIEF" (Kingussie).—Have nothing to do with the M. A. Winter Co., Washington. It is a "frost." Don't be bitten.

"AGE FORTY" (near Glasgow).—Our Tame Phrenologist says he cannot read your character without feeling your bumps, but that judging from your handwriting you are old enough to know better. Try "Brainine."

A. H. (Wimbledon).—Your copy of the old JOHN BULL, dated 1823, is of no value. On the other hand, any day you might buy a copy of the present JOHN BULL worth two guineas—or even £500. Watch the numbers.

F. B. (Dublin) has given us a shock. He says he has heard a rumour that JOHN BULL is to be suppressed in Dublin because the Vigilance Committee of that dear dirty city regard it as "immoral literature." If this is a foretaste of Home Rule we shall enlist in the Carson fusiliers

B. G. C.—We cannot give you the addresses of "three good reliable State lotteries," first, because we do not know of any, and, secondly, because it would be encouraging gambling!

X. Y. Z. (Brondesbury).—We do not care to advise an investment of capital, but it must be admitted that cinematograph theatres appear to flourish wherever they are opened. Still, so did skating rinks—for a time. Your deafness would be an advantage, considering the class of music usually provided at those entertainments.

T. W. B. W. (Nottingham) praises our recent cartoon, "A Black Outlook," saying it is the most beautiful and most stirring thing that has been printed since Sir John Tenniel's famous work. But that applies to *all* our cartoons.

H. A. S. (Queensland).—The only way of "tanning" skins that we know anything about is by means of a strap or slipper. Surely there are plenty of people in your district who know how to preserve opossum and wallaby pelts. We don't.

A. W. M. (Liverpool).—Spiritualism is not in our line. We are more concerned with the material needs and bodily comforts of our fellow creatures. Besides, as you will have noticed, our Spiritualist Reporter, touched by the popular infection, has gone on strike.

D. W. (Aberavon).—If you are, as you say, a regular reader of JOHN BULL, you would have seen it stated again and again that only members of the Calcutta Turf Club can now participate in their sweepstakes.

G. Y. (Grimsby) tells us he cannot get his winnings from A. Lascelles, of Bath. Did he really expect to do so?

"PATRICA" (Clapham Common) wants to know how to become a cinematograph actress, and what would be the salary. Surely she is not thinking of those secret shows?

J. B. (Watford) sends us an "invitation to men" which has been circulated in Watford to attend a "Men's Meeting at Buchan Grove Church. Good Speaker. Bright Solos. *Never mind your clothes.*"

J. G. (Aberdare).—The s.s. *Straits of Menai* was sold about August, 1910. We cannot say how much she fetched. She is now called the *Chalkydon*, and is owned by J. Arvanitidi fils, Syria, Greece.

C. C. (Sheffield) tells us the story of a dying millionaire who was anxious that none of his money should leave the country. He consulted his lawyer who advised him, in that case, to leave it all to Foreign Missions. This is a slight exaggeration. We calculate that about 25 per cent. of it *might* leave the country. But much of that would come back ultimately as payment for cheap whisky.

W. T. (Yeovil).—We are not private enquiry agents. Why not take a trip to Glasgow and find out for yourself? You can get a drink there on Sundays if you take a train to—but we had better not give the name away.

A. C. (Dewsbury) writes saying "Don't publish that confounded letter I sent last night." We respect his wishes the more readily because we cannot find any trace of the communication he refers to.

S. A. M. (Bradford) would be glad to know who owned and who lived at Crofton Hall, near Wakefield, from 1800 to 1852. We do not remember.

"A SURREY TRADER" (Tadworth).—We are aware that the small village trader is becoming extinct, being unable to compete with the big Stores. A small-traders' co-operative society is what you want. Then you could buy in huge quantities and fight your enemies.

B. S., JNR. (Forest Gate), suggests a Marriage Tax of 5s. on every £100 of the bridegroom's annual income. B. S. will have the Bishop of London on his track. Marriage in itself is quite enough tax on a man without adding to the burden.

D. B. (Streatham).—Notwithstanding the answer you received from the G.P.O., we do not think it is beyond the wit of man to devise some system whereby lodgers' letters could be re-directed expeditiously. Oh, for a B.P.O.!

R. M. (London) tells us that a large number of foreign families send their sons over here to be educated "on purpose to enter the English Civil Service." Our correspondent, however, overlooks the fact that all candidates for the Service have to produce their birth certificates showing that they are British subjects.

J. H. (Perth) is kind enough to point out that Mr. Lloyd George is not the Beast of Revelations. No doubt the Chancellor will be grateful for the information.

"A CONSTANT READER" (Seaforth) wants to know what percentage of profit he makes if he buys at 6d. and sells at 1s. A very good one.

J. G. B. (Fulham).—We are tired of receiving complaints and enquiries concerning Continental football accountants. Once again, we do not recommend *any* of them. Our own Competition meets all requirements.

R. R. (Washington).—We do not like the idea of anyone evading their just debts by pleading infancy, but as you appear to have been tricked we think you would be justified.

G. L. T. (East Bersr).—What is termed "a living wage" is the minimum sum on which it is possible to live in decency and reasonable comfort. It is based upon the purchasing power of a sovereign, which fluctuates, and differs according to the district or country—just like the weather.

C. M. (East Ham).—You cannot blame the house agents if they will not let to people with large families. They act according to the owners' instructions. You had better send your complaint to the Bishop of London.

C. F. (N.W.) writes a card to tell us it is quite easy to travel on the Tubes without paying one's fare. *Retro, Satanas!*

F. M. (Mile End, E.) sends a cutting which states that "Norway has just appointed her first female policeman," and protests that a woman cannot be called a policeman. But policemen often prove to be woe-men. By the way—but no matter!

"A SCHOLAR" (Birmingham) takes our Tame Phrenologist to task for calling the Kaiser "The Emperor of Germany," whereas the mail-fisted one is really "The German Emperor." Our Tame Phrenologist wants to know what, in that case, the German Emperor is emperor of, and adds that he would very much like to feel "A Scholar's" bumps.

"CORPORAL" (Aldershot).—Don't waste any more of your money on the Royal Hungarian Lottery. You must be a horse-marine to have sent so much already.

"VICTIM" (Manchester).—We know nothing about W. Dawson, 7, Belmont Street, Liverpool, who advertises a "Guaranteed Improved Safety System," but we agree with you as to the account.

C. U. (Bilston) maintains that very few of the "unfortunate" class in Buenos Ayres are Englishwomen. We are glad to hear it.

J. R. (Chichester) complains that although he has taken JOHN BULL for three years, he has never yet had a winning number. We can only advise him to keep on keeping on.

S. J. E. (Victoria, B.C.).—Our publisher will be pleased to forward you a copy of *John and Mary* on receipt of your address. That special issue had a very good sale indeed in Canada, but it is, of course, impossible to say why your newsagent did not order further copies.

T. G. (Evesham).—It is, of course, very easy for a mathematician to solve our "Problems" in a much shorter manner than is shown in the working given. But, unfortunately, many of us who have left school some time are rusty in our arithmetic.

E. P. C. (Wood Green) wants us to award a "Biscuit" to the *Daily Chronicle* for speaking of an actor from the Comédie Française "teaching pronunciation to the advanced students in the French deaf and dumb schools." This may, however, be quite correct, as with special tuition deaf and dumb people are able to understand what is spoken by the movements of the lips.

E. A. (Forest Gate).—We are glad to hear that the Hackney Furnishing Company has treated you so considerately. We are always pleased to receive such testimonials, having regard to the methods of some of the less reputable hire-purchase firms.

E. C. (Lavender Hill) wishes us to be "the medium of conveying to the Right Hon. David Lloyd George intense regret that he is going to tarnish his splendid reputation by handing over the country to the petticoat government of window breakers, letterbox destroyers, and general law breakers." We herewith convey the message to our Right Hon. friend.

*[We are obliged to hold over a large number of replies.]*

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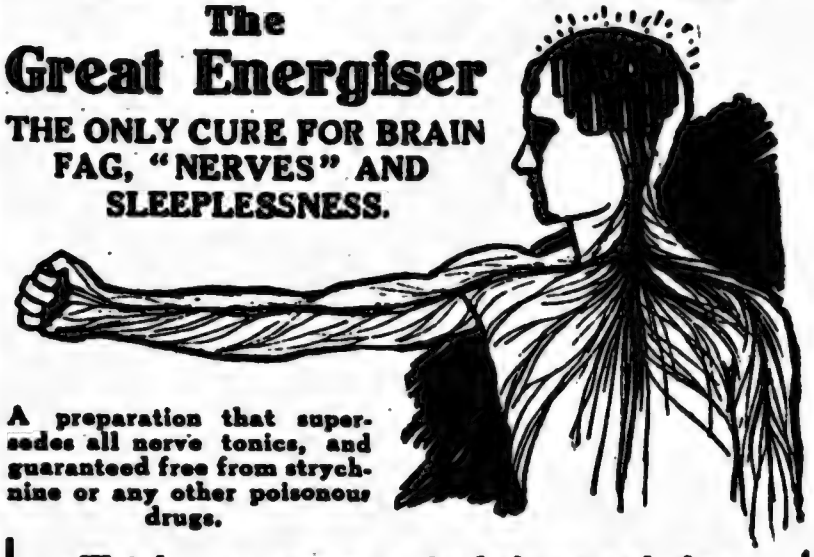

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NOTES OF INTERROGATION:—
Didn't Winston Churchill intend to speak "openly" at Ulster?
Isn't Lloyd George more of a "moss-*gatherer*"?
Is "Taffy was a Welshman" the new Church hymn in Wales?
Is there anything wrong in "The New Sin"?
How can dramatic authors complain when judged by their own acts?
Hasn't G. K. Chesterton met with a "counter"-blast?
Isn't Germany a splendid place to get "arrest"?
Did the Brighton bathers say they couldn't bare to be looked at?
Wouldn't a school-treat to Paris be a real "trip"?
Has Lord Charles Beresford brought the Government to book?
Won't a half-measure of Home Rule be "the only weigh"?
Will the new clearing house for eggs put us on the right lay?
Won't the Advertisers' Leap Year Ball be a great "display"?
Isn't the Portuguese Government trying to "keep things quiet"?

A Divorce Court witness said she had been to a music-hall "for her health." She must have been in a sad state.

"The School" is the title of a recent volume. It should teach us something.

"Love is a good bit like soda-water," says G. Sinnick. Yes, after the "pop" it gets flat.

The name of a forthcoming play, "The Easiest Way," should make everybody want to go.

"Editor Sent to Prison," reads a headline. How he would like to edit that sentence!

"The poor desire not only wages, but opportunities," says Mr. A. G. Crafter. Yes, to spend them.

We are glad to hear that Ranji may play for England this season; he is a "cut" above the average.

The L.C.C. proposes to run trams for women only; you won't catch a girl with a shabby hat in them.

"Early-Closing" is a capital name for a racehorse, suggesting the certainty of a "shop."

Mr. Balfour has gone to Cannes; and the Party system is going to pot.

We understand that some of the evicted at Box-ted would like to Box-William.

The "Windmill" hat is the latest. A sort of flower mill-inery, we suppose.

"Apostle Spoons," says a heading. He ought to know better.

A schoolmaster in Toronto offers his pupils a halfpenny a day if they do not play truant. We presume they prefer the brown to black and blue.

The question of capital punishment has been made the subject of a referendum in Oregon. It is making people say, "O hang!"

Although the new equestrian statue of the Duke of Wellington in St. Paul's is bronze, of course he will still be known as the Iron Duke.

The Butter trouble is spreading!

"Cheese was used 3,000 n.c.," we are told. Judging by certain specimens, we can quite believe it.

We read of a petrified oyster being found, measuring eight inches across. Takes some swallowing.

As will be seen from the announcement on another page, the offer to our readers of the Pelman course of memory training at specially reduced fees will shortly be withdrawn. We, therefore advise such of them as may be desirous of taking advantage of this unique opportunity, to write at once to the school for full particulars.


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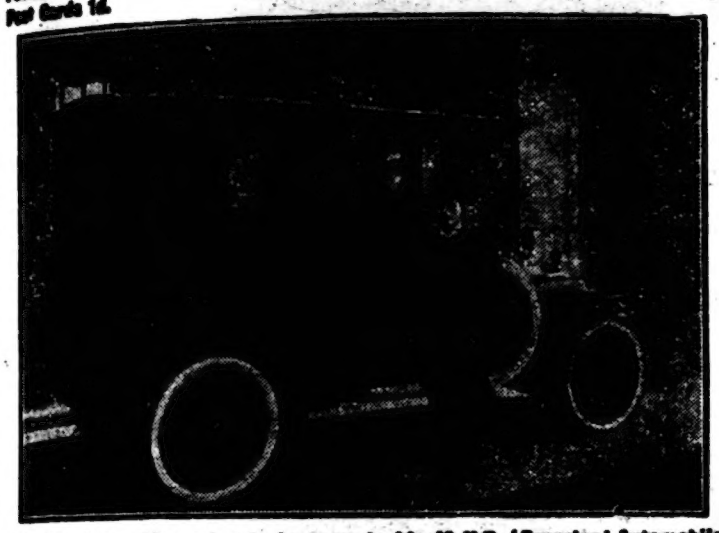

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By W. LOTINGA

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**Carry your "Lotinga's."**

Yet another little idea to popularise *Lotinga's Weekly*, and compliment its readers. It is now universally known that everyone whose photo is "ringed" at football and sports grounds gets 5s., but in future it will be doubled if the lucky individual has a copy of *Lotinga's Weekly* in his hand when snapshotted. The face of it must be shown to the camera so that it can be identified as actually a current number of the paper. This, of course, does not mean that *every* ring in future will be awarded only to those showing the paper, but a percentage will.

**Medley.**

Who was the pseudo nobleman rather unceremoniously "chucked" from the members' enclosure at Lingfield?

Is it true that Sir Assheton-Smith's colours, dark green and crimson cap, should, in view of all circumstances, be changed to "all lavender"?

Marsh's stable won some £2,500 in stakes last season, which, I should think, would about pay the electric light bill of this sumptuous training establishment—certainly not the forage account.

Some of the jockeys who have ridden them declare that Master At Arms and Salmon Fly are the fastest horses in the country up to two miles.

**Prophetic.**

Should sport be practicable at Gatwick even on the second day, which is improbable, CANNOCK LAD could win a race at last; MOYNALTY is a certainty in the Selling Steeplechase, and I hoped to see BARTON II. pick up the Guest Hall Plate for Jevington. On Saturday Lord Torrington might have his maiden winning ride upon ABELARD II. in the Gentlemen Riders' Plate.

At Birmingham, on Monday, B. AND S. is bound to go close again in the Hurdle Handicap.

## FOOTBALL SELECTIONS.

By "McW."

On Saturday, February 10th, we once more return to a consideration of the League games. Last week's Cup Ties may have had an unsettling effect on some of the teams concerned. Players may have got crocked or gone groggy, and the book of form may have its upsets. All the same I pin my faith to the following:—

PROBABLES.

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| Blackburn Rovers. | Blackpool. |
| Bradford City. | Clapton Orient. |
| Middlesbrough. | Huddersfield. |
| Barnsley. | Crystal Palace. |
| Chelsea. | |

POSSIBLES.

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| Everton. | Norwich. |
| Sunderland. | Leyton. |
| Bristol City. | Swindon (away). |
| Watford. | Brighton (away). |

The other games may be classed as Doubtfuls.

For the guidance of those taking part in our £1,000 Competition, I fancy the following for high scoring games on February 17:—*Liverpool* v. *Sheffield Wednesday*, *Wolves* v. *Huddersfield*, and *Northampton* v. *Reading*.


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### SEVERAL COMPETITORS HAVE NEARLY WON THE £1,000.

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All that you have to do is to state which two clubs competing against each other in Division I. of the English League on Saturday, February 17th next, which two in Division II., and which two in the Southern League will between them score the greatest number of goals, and give the actual scores.

If your estimate is the only correct one you will receive £1,000 for your skill. If your estimate proves to be the one most nearly accurate

### You Must Win £52 10 0.

Last season the highest totals in the corresponding matches in the three Leagues were:—

**TOTTENHAM H. 6 v. MIDDLESBRO' .. 2 Total 8.**
**DERBY C. .. 2 v. HULL .. .. 3 Total 5.**
**BRISTOL R. .. 6 v. NEW BROMPTON 2 Total 8.**

Supposing that the games resulted exactly as last season, if your Coupon showed the results as given above you would be £1,000 in pocket unless some other competitor tied with you. Were your forecast, although not absolutely correct, the nearest to the correct results, you would win the Prize of Fifty Guineas.

If you are looking for guidance, let us recommend to you the views of the great Football Writer and Expert, "McW.," who contributes "Football Favourites" in another column. Each week, too, you will find "Football Fancies" in "Lotinga's Weekly."

Do not run away with the idea that we do not wish you to win the Mammoth Prize:

**The sooner the £1,000 is won the better pleased we shall be.**

We realise its advertising value.

Remember, in conclusion, that you must select clubs actually competing against each other on Saturday, February 17th.

## No. 7. COUPON for Matches to be Played SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th.

**The two opposing clubs in Division I. of English League, the two in Division II, and the two in the Southern League, which, between them, will total the largest number of goals, and the goals which each will score, will be as follows:—**

| ENGLISH LEAGUE (Div. I.). | Goals | | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Aston V. (2) | .... | v. Blkburn R. (2) | .... |
| Bolton W. (—) | .... | v. Man. C. (—) | .... |
| Bradford C. (3) | .... | v. Woolwich A. (0) | .... |
| Liverpool (3) | .... | v. Sheffield W. (0) | .... |
| Man. Utd. (3) | .... | v. Bury (2) | .... |
| New'tle U. (1) | .... | v. S'nderland (1) | .... |
| Oldham A. (2) | .... | v. Everton (0) | .... |
| Pres. N. E. (2) | .... | v. Notts C. (0) | .... |
| Sheffield U. (—) | .... | v. W. Brom. A (—) | .... |
| Totthm. H. (6) | .... | v. Middlesbro' (2) | .... |

| ENGLISH LEAGUE (Div. II.). | Goals | | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burnley (1) | .... | v. Bradford (1) | .... |
| Derby C. (2) | .... | v. Hull City (3) | .... |
| Fulham (0) | .... | v. Barnsley (2) | .... |
| Gains. T. (—) | .... | v. Bristol C. (—) | .... |
| Grimsby (—) | .... | v. Clapton O. (—) | .... |
| Leeds City (1) | .... | v. Blackpool (2) | .... |
| Leictr. F. (2) | .... | v. Birmhm. (0) | .... |
| Notng. F. (—) | .... | v. Chelsea (—) | .... |
| Stockport C. (2) | .... | v. Glossop (1) | .... |
| Wol. W. (0) | .... | v. Hudfield T. (3) | .... |

| SOUTHERN LEAGUE. | Goals | | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brighton (2) | .... | v. Plymouth (1) | .... |
| Stoke (—) | .... | v. Sthampton (—) | .... |
| Coventry (0) | .... | v. Crystal P. (2) | .... |
| Leyton (0) | .... | v. Norwich (2) | .... |
| Northpton. (—) | .... | v. Reading (—) | .... |
| Swindon (5) | .... | v. Watford (1) | .... |
| Bristol R. (6) | .... | v. N. Brompton (2) | .... |
| West Ham (4) | .... | v. Exeter (1) | .... |
| Millwall (1) | .... | v. Brentford (1) | .... |
| Luton (0) | .... | v. Q. P. R. (1) | .... |

(The figures in brackets show the goals scored in corresponding games last season.)

I agree to abide by the decision published in JOHN BULL and "Lotinga's Weekly," and I enter this Competition on that clear understanding.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

Should no one succeed in estimating all the particulars correctly, then £52 10s. will be awarded each and every week to the competitor whose estimate is most nearly correct. In the event of a tie the £52 10s. will be divided.

### CONDITIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

1. The decision published in JOHN BULL and "Lotinga's Weekly" must be accepted as final and legally binding, and you enter only on that clear understanding.
2. Your estimate must be written only on a JOHN BULL Coupon, or on the Coupon to be found in "Lotinga's Weekly."
3. £1,000 will be awarded to the competitor (or competitors) sending an absolutely correct estimate. If no competitor is absolutely correct in his coupon, £52 10s. will be given to the competitor whose estimate is most nearly correct. In the event of a tie the £52 10s. will be divided.
4. JOHN BULL and "Lotinga's Weekly" will not accept any responsibility whatever in the matter of the non-delivery or delay of any attempt submitted.
5. All correspondence, whether personal or by letter, in the matter of the conduct of this competition will be ignored.
6. Readers in Scotland are precluded from taking part in our Football Competition owing to the attitude of their Law officers.
7. All competitors claiming prizes must send in their claims by the Thursday following the matches played.
8. All competitors must put the name and number of the competition on the top left-hand corner of the front of the envelope containing coupons or claims, and their names and addresses must be distinctly written on the back of the envelope.
9. Competitors sending in claims must forward copy of coupons to which their claims refer.
10. When two or more matches in the same League result in an equal number of goals, then the match including the team highest on the League table the previous Saturday will count.

Mark your envelopes "Football No. 7" and post your attempts so that they reach JOHN BULL, 93 and 94, Long Acre, London, W.C., not later than mid-day on Thursday, February 15th next.

**See page 194 for Result of Competition No. 4.**

## THE GREAT £250 "FOOTBALL FINAL" COMPETITION £250

On February 24th next sixteen clubs engage in the Third Round of the competition proper for the Football Cup.

Of all these sixteen only four can appear in the Semi-Finals, and only two in the Final Tie at the Crystal Palace. Only one can win the Cup.

Students of football form are asked to test their skill by filling in the particulars given on our "Skill" Coupon.

£250 will be given to the competitor (or competitors) whose coupon is correct in every particular.

If no competitor forecasts the exact results, £52 10 0 will be given to the sender of the most correct attempt. In the event of a tie, the money will be divided between the successful competitors.

The conditions governing our other Football Competition hold good in this case.

Mark your envelopes "Final," and send them so that they will be received at JOHN BULL Offices, 93 & 94, Long Acre, London, W.C., not later than mid-day, Friday, February 23rd next.

It is only by knowledge of football form that you can succeed in giving all the particulars required. Therefore we advise you to give your attention to "Football Selections" which appear each week in this journal. Your coupon MUST be taken from either JOHN BULL or "Lotinga's Weekly."

Further offers of large Money Prizes will be made after the decision of the Third Round.

### COUPON.

**3 THE FOOTBALL CUP COMPETITION. 3**

The following four Clubs in my judgment will contest the Semi-Finals. The number of goals each will score in the actual deciding games are as given below:

| Clubs | Goals | Clubs | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| ..... | | v. ..... | |
| ..... | | v. ..... | |

The following two Clubs will contest the Final Tie this season and I judge the number of goals each will score in the actual deciding game to be

| Club | Goals | Club | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|
| ..... | | v. ..... | |

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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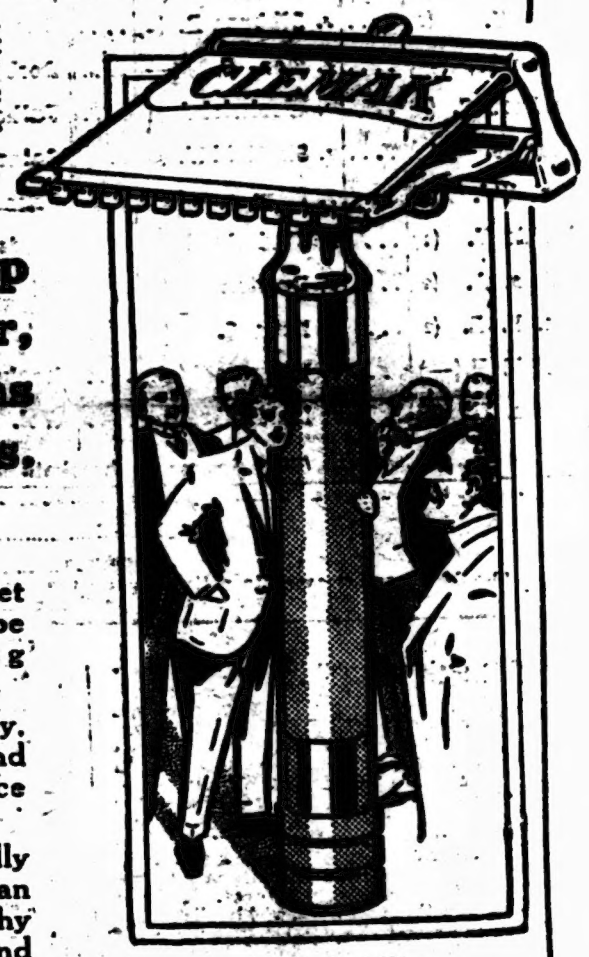


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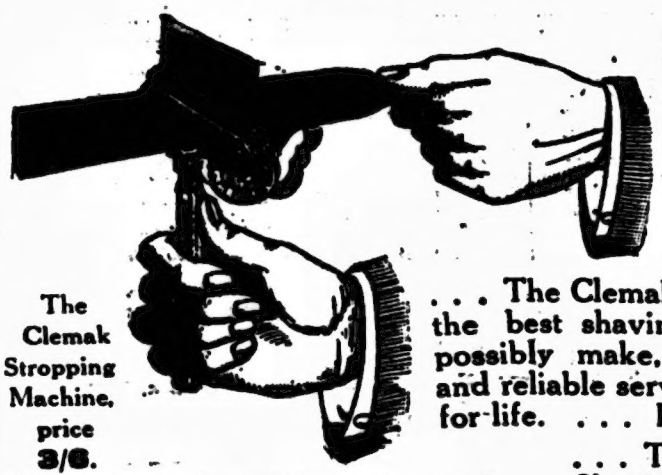

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